

**ALABAMA BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION ALTERNATIVE INSPECTION PROGRAM**

A contractual arrangement between ABA and the FCC can allow Alabama stations to have a three year period of immunity from random inspections by the FCC Atlanta Field Office Bureau.

The inspector does a complete FCC style inspection of your station(s) and gives you a confidential report that outlines any problems or any violations found. The inspection covers non-technical (public file, etc.) matters as well as technical matters.

It is the stations obligation to correct any problems found within a specified period of time. The FCC will be notified of your compliance when confirmed by Mr. Wilkins and the FCC **AGREES NOT TO PERFORM A RANDOM INSPECTION OF YOUR STATION(S) FOR THREE YEARS.** The Alabama Broadcasters Association suggests that you prepare for the inspection and correct any known problems before entering into this alternate inspection process.

**COST AND EXPENSES**

The ABA waives inspection fees for ABA members, provided that the station remains an ABA member throughout the three (3) year period covered by the Certification of Compliance.

Both member and non-member stations will be billed by the ABA for any travel expenses incurred by the inspector. The inspector will make every effort to schedule other inspections in the same area to help reduce the expenses to each station.

**Should the station not renew its membership during the three year period, the ABA will bill the station 2/3 (second year) or 1/3 (third year) of the non-member rate for the inspections. The following are non-member inspection fees:**

First FM, TV or non-directional AM....\$450.00

First Directional AM.....\$550.00

Each additional station (in the same market) will be one half price of the first of the same class. These prices are plus travel expenses.

**PROCEDURE**

**If you want to participate, return this form to the ABA, 2180 Parkway Lake Drive, Hoover, AL 35244 or fax to (205) 982-0015. After receipt of agreement you will be contacted to schedule your inspection. Your three year immunity from FCC random inspections can start prior to your actual inspection.**

If you have any questions pertaining to compliance or details of this process, contact the ABA. ABIP Inspector Larry Wilkins, or his designated representative, is a contractor with the ABA, not the FCC, but with the full knowledge and consent of the FCC through the contractual agreement between ABA and the FCC.

**ABA Alternative Inspection Program Agreement**

Call Letters \_\_\_\_\_ Facility ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
City of License \_\_\_\_\_ Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Dates when station will NOT be available or prepared for inspection: \_\_\_\_\_

*By authorizing this inspection, you agree that your payment and/or signature constitutes a contract with ABA/Wilkins for inspection detailed above and agree to pay any and all travel expenses for the inspection involved. You understand that ABA will keep no file on the inspection. All details will be strictly between the inspector and the inspected station. Further, you understand that the exemption from FCC inspections is from random inspections and does not apply if a complaint is filed against your station(s) or in certain other situations.*

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Station General Manager

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Sharon Tinsley, ABA President