

ALABAMA BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION ALTERNATIVE INSPECTION PROGRAM FOR 2011

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. Alabama inspections would be made by Larry Wilkins.

The details are simple. 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 will **AGREE NOT TO PERFORM A RANDOM INSPECTION OF YOUR STATION(S) FOR THREE YEARS!** Alabama Broadcasters Association suggests that you prepare for the inspection and correct any known problems before entering into this alternate inspection process.

COST

DTV/Analog - \$450.00 (plus travel expenses) for ABA members and \$750.00 (plus travel expenses) for non-ABA members. A second co-owned TV station to be inspected at the same location is an additional \$225.00 for members or \$525.00 for non-ABA members.

FM or Non-Directional AM - \$300.00 (plus travel expenses) for ABA members and \$600.00 (plus travel expenses) for non-ABA members. Additional stations for the same type and in the same location will be inspected for one half the rate.

Directional AM - \$400.00 (plus travel expenses) for ABA members and \$700.00 (plus travel expenses) for non-ABA members.

EXPENSES

Mr. Wilkins mileage at 48¢ per mile, plus hotel and meals for the inspection trip. You may use trade (barter) for these items if you wish. For efficiency in travel, Mr. Wilkins will try to arrange inspection trips to visit several stations in an area of the state during a trip.

PROCEDURE

Notify ABA that you wish to participate by returning the form at the bottom of this page along with your check to the ABA State Office. 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 State Office at (800) 211-5189. Mr. 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.

If you want to participate, return this form with your check to the ABA State Office, 2180 Parkway Lake Drive, Hoover, AL 35244 or you can fax it to the ABA State Office at (205) 982-0015 if you are paying by credit card. PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY AGREEMENT IN ORDER FOR THE INSPECTION TO BE SCHEDULED. After receipt of agreement and payment you will be contacted with more complete information by Mr. Wilkins in regards to actual inspection.

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: _____

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

Person Authorizing Inspection

Date

Payment: _____ Check (enclosed) _____ Visa _____ Mastercard _____ American Express

Name on Credit Card _____

Card #: _____ Expiration: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____