KDB Inquiry System Management

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Inquiry Statistics

- FCC Lab received 2332 total inquiries in 2012, only 3% more than 2011
- Most inquiries require multiple responses
- 319 PBA in 2012 – 14% of total
- The Lab has already received 703 inquiries through the 1st quarter of 2013
- 70 PBA – 10%
- On pace for a 20% total increase in 2013
Major Changes to KDB

- EASADMIN and EASTECH moved to KDB
- Generally covered under “Administrative Request” category
- Overhaul of KDB Categories to improve assignment process
  - Reduced Primary categories
  - No third categories
  - Inquirer must select both
The number of inquiries is beginning to create a significant backlog because of the high number of “just-checking” inquiries which still need to be processed.

PBAs are not the problem, actually going down.

Lab still working to reduce items on PBA list.

Non-PBA inquiries increasing by 26%.
Managing KDB Inquiries

- KDB System is a partnership between FCC, Manufacturers, TCBs and Test Labs.
- TCBs and Test Labs have a responsibility not to overload the system.
- We understand that TCBs are not the problem and we need your help in keeping KDB Inquiries manageable.
Managing KDB Inquiries

It is the responsibility of the test labs (and TCBs) to educate their employees in FCC Rules and procedures

- Publications should always be consulted before filing Inquiry
- Inquiries should be specific questions
- Inquiries should not be filed asking FCC to approve test plan unless specifically required by guidance
Conclusion

We believe that KDB system is critical to the TCB program

Keeping KDB Inquiries to a manageable level is the only way that the system can remain viable long term

All stakeholders must work together to keep system viable

Input from all parties on how to achieve this is encouraged
Questions and Answers

Thanks!