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 to 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

Future of KDB

- 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!