



Compliance Monitoring: KAB and Télé-Québec

The Observer's carrier-class reliability and redundant storage systems ensure that every second broadcasted is captured, time-stamped, and securely maintained. Easy search, retrieval, and publishing of media enables pain-free compliance with regulatory agencies. Lost or damaged videotape no longer means unnecessary exposure to legal or financial risk.

KAB, a station serving Japan's Kumamoto region, selected the Observer to help it deal with Japanese legal retention requirements. "The passage of new Japanese laws governing broadcasting required that we upgrade the monitoring capabilities so that we could record and save all of our on-air broadcast content for three months," said Akihiro Shiraishi, technical officer in charge of transmission at KAB. "We selected the Volicon Observer over competing systems largely because it's a very cost-effective solution. Unlike competing systems, the Observer provides simple functionality in an affordable and easy-to-manage system. We spend much less time and effort on our monitoring operations. The advantage we gained was well worth the investment."

By automatically recording up to 60 days of aired broadcasts, the Observer greatly simplifies **Télé-Québec's** ability to respond to public inquiries and comply with Canadian broadcasting regulations for content archiving. In addition, the system's closed caption recording option will enable the station to begin immediately complying with closed captioning regulations, which will apply when the station renews its license in 2009. "Because the Observer is file based and utilizes our existing IT network, it's right in line with our strategy to adopt digital systems in support of our upcoming migration to HD broadcasting," said Bernard Langlois, technical director of Télé-Québec. "By replacing inefficient, manual tape-based processes, the Observer will make it much easier for us to stay in compliance and remain accountable to our customers and viewers."