

# Low Carbon Fuel Standard Verification On-Line Tool User Guide

**AFP-Verification Version v 3.4919** 

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# A. Version History

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V3.4919 (updated)	4/06/2022	Current document
V3.4910	1/06/2022	Updated
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## B. What's New in This Version

New "Verify LRT Reports" tab for quarterly fuel transactions reports.

# C. Creating a Verification Body (VB) Account in Verification On-Line Tool

Upon accreditation, CARB will send VBs the "Registration Form for Account Administrators." After the accredited verification body completes the form designating primary and secondary account representatives, CARB will register the VB in the Verification On-Line Tool and create user accounts for each account representative. Both VB account representatives must be CARB accredited lead verifiers under the LCFS regulation. Only two account representatives will have access in the system.

If the verification team's lead verifier is not the VB's registered primary or secondary account representative, the primary or secondary account representative must log in to perform verification functions for the team leader, such as submitting the final verification statement.

## D. Logging In

- 1. When CARB creates a VB account, each account representative will receive two emails. The first email contains a username and link to the Verification On-Line Tool. The second email has a temporary password.
- 2. To complete account set up, the account representative must select the link provided in the invite email which will lead to the LCFS data management system landing page. See Figure 1.





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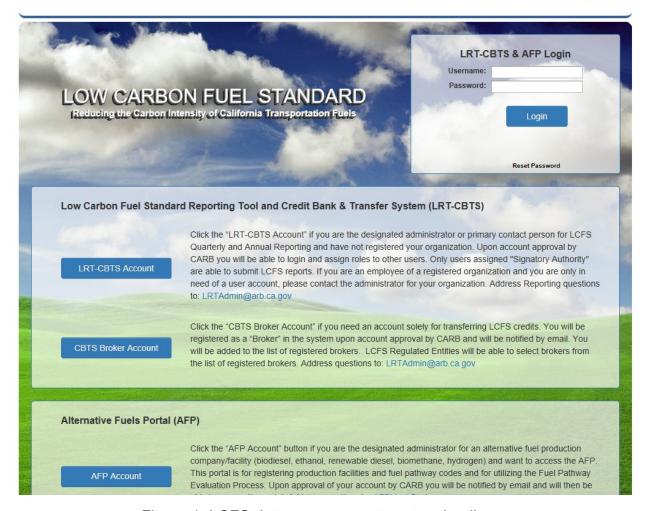


Figure 1. LCFS data management system landing page

- 3. Enter the emailed username and password, then select "Login." If, during a subsequent login, you forget your password, select "Reset Password," and follow the instructions.
- 4. During the first log in, the system will prompt you to create a new password, establish security questions, and accept the use agreement (see following steps). The username cannot be changed, but the password and security questions may be changed at any time.

- Create a new password. The password must be consistent with the password guidelines indicated on the password setup page. A pop-up window will confirm the password change.
- 6. Establish security questions. Answers are <u>case-sensitive</u>. A confirmation pop-up window will appear.
- 7. Agree to the LCFS System Use Agreement by checking two boxes and providing your digital signature. See Figure 2.

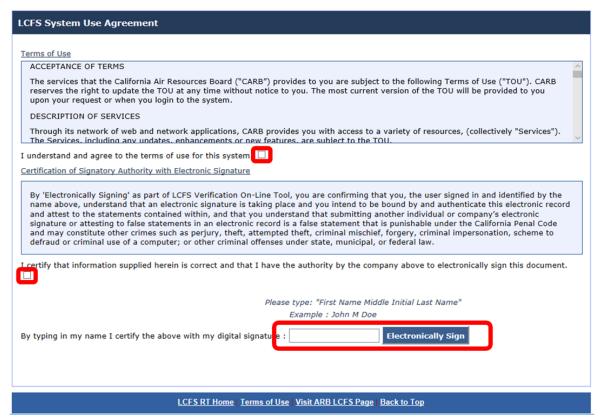


Figure 2. Accepting the LCFS system use agreement

8. After accepting the Use Agreement, the system will direct you to the LCFS Verification On-Line Tool homepage. See Figure 3. *Twenty minutes of inactivity may cause your session to expire.* 



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## **NEW UAT SERVER**

Contact Us Sign out

Verification Body Profile

User Profile Validate Applications Verify Annual Fuel Pathway Reports Verify LRT Reports Correspondence

Welcome: VB User 1 for VB Testing One Inc. VB ADMIN

## LCFS VERIFICATION ON-LINE TOOL

This is the LCFS Verification On-Line Tool to support LCFS verification services. The data uploaded to and contained within this system are regarded by CARB as business confidential pursuant to California law.

## Important Note to LCFS Verification Body Account Representatives

The LCFS Verification On-Line Tool is for use by verification bodies (VB) to perform LCFS verification services pursuant to the LCFS Regulation. VBs accredited by CARB and registered in the system may be selected by regulated entity to use this tool to view reports submitted to CARB and subject to verification, to require modifications, and to submit verification statements.



## LCFS Verification On-Line Tool Reference Documents

- · LCFS Verification On-Line Tool User Guide
- LCFS Verification On-Line Tool Registration Form

Figure 3. LCFS Verification On-Line Tool Homepage

# E. Homepage Navigation

1. Seven tabs are displayed at the top of the homepage. Blue indicates the active tab. Table 1 describes each tab.

Table 1. Description of Homepage Tabs

Tab	Functions
Home	-Displays current user and company -Download user guide -Download registration form to change admin
Verification Body Profile	-Displays VB profile and organization details -Displays primary and secondary admin details -Upload registration form to update account admin
User Profile	-Update primary and secondary admin details -Change your password and security questions -Send temporary passwords to other users
Validate Applications	-View current contracted facilities -Review and download application documents -Send applications back to clients for revisions -Submit validation statements to CARB
Verify Annual Fuel Pathway Reports	-Review and download report documents -Send reports back to clients for revisions -Submit verification statements to CARB
Verify LRT Reports	-Review and download quarterly fuel transactions report (QFTR) documents -Send reports back to clients for revisions -Submit verification statements to CARB
Correspondence	-Communicate with CARB -View correspondence history -Send sensitive files to CARB securely

# F. Updating VB Profile

1. To update information about the VB, select the "Verification Body Profile" tab at the top of the homepage. In "Organization Details" the VB's address, and place and date of incorporation may be changed. See Figure 4.

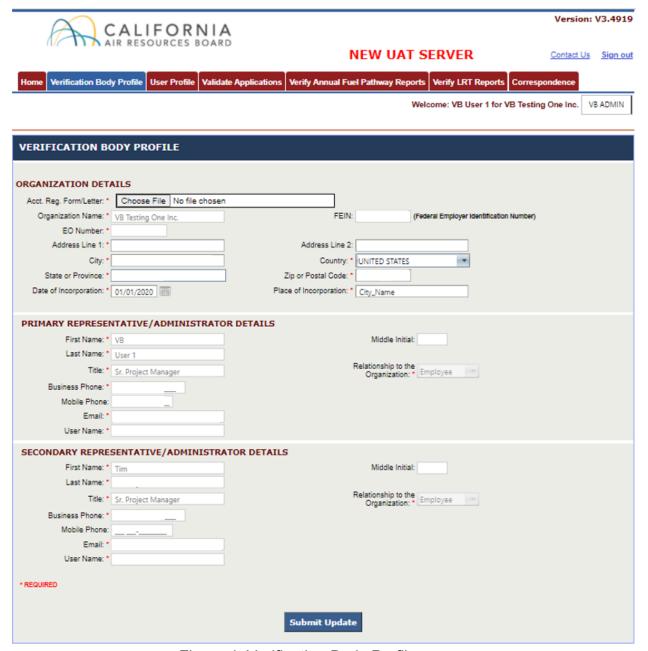


Figure 4. Verification Body Profile screen

- 2. To save changes to the VB profile, select "Submit Update" at the bottom of the page (see Figure 4). System will notify CARB of these changes.
- 3. Under "Organization Details" are the two account representatives/administrators the primary and secondary representatives. Representatives cannot be modified directly on this screen. Instead, each representative may edit their own details on the "User Profile" tab, described in the next section. The username cannot be edited.

4. If it is necessary to change account administrators, a new registration form must be uploaded. See Section G, "Change in VB Admin and Registration Form," of this user guide.

# G. Change in VB Admin and Registration Form

- To change the VB's account representatives (admin), a new Registration Form for Account Administrators, which can be located on the homepage must be completed.
- 2. Select the "Home" tab to be directed to the homepage of the LCFS Verification On-Line Tool. See Figure 3.
- 3. Scroll down to the On-Line Tool Reference Documents section. Select "LCFS Verification On-Line Tool Registration Form." The downloadable form will open in a new window. See Figure 5. Download and complete the registration form. Both primary and secondary representatives are required, pursuant to section 95483.2(c)(2)(B) of the LCFS Regulation. The VB account representatives must be CARB accredited lead verifiers accredited under the LCFS regulation.

# LCFS VERIFICATION ACCOUNT REGISTRATION FORM

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individuals as account representatives/administrators:	(Type Name)	
PRIMARY ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIVE/ADMINIST	TRATOR	
The Primary Account Representative/Administrator is:	Linda Walker	
CEO	(Type Name) Owner/Employee	
(Title)	(Relationship to the Organization)	
California as follows: I was selected as the primary acc representative, as applicable, by an agreement that is to information on behalf of the verification body. I have all responsibilities contained in California Code of Regulat persons and that each such person shall be fully bound and by any order or decision issued to me by the Execu Signature (Ink Only)	binding on all persons who have the legal right to submit Il the necessary authority to carry out the duties and tions, title 17, sections 95480 et seq. on behalf of such d by my representations, actions, inactions, or submissio	t
Print Name Linda Walker		
	WATDATOR	

## SECONDARY ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIVE/ADMINISTRATOR

The Secondary Account Representative/Administrator is: John Stevens
(Type Name)

| Director Employee |
(Title) (Relationship to the Organization)

Account Representative/Administrator Attestation I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California as follows: I was selected as the primary account representative or the secondary account representative, as applicable, by an agreement that is binding on all persons who have the legal right to submit information on behalf of the verification body. I have all the necessary authority to carry out the duties and responsibilities contained in California Code of Regulations, title 17, sections 95480 et seq. on behalf of such persons and that each such person shall be fully bound by my representations, actions, inactions, or submissions and by any order or decision issued to me by the Executive Officer or a court regarding the account.

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Print Name John Stevens V	
OWNER/ MANAGING PARTNER/ OFFICER*	
Signature of Owner/ Managing Partner/ Officer:	
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\*Only Owners, Managing Partners, or Officers responsible for the organization/company's fuel production or supply facilities and having authority to legally bind the organization/company should complete and sign this form.

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Figure 5. LCFS verification account registration form

- 4. Upload the completed form on the "Verification Body Profile" tab. Under "Organization Details," select "Choose File" or "Browse" to upload the new Registration Form for Account Administrators. See Figure 4.
- 5. After the form is uploaded, select "Submit Update" at the bottom of the page. A confirmation pop-up will appear (see Figure 6). The system will notify CARB of changes, and CARB will update the account as needed.

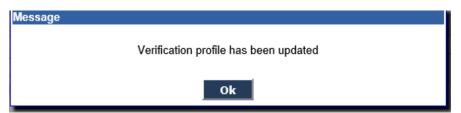


Figure 6. Pop-up window to confirm profile update

6. If an incorrect registration document is uploaded and needs to be replaced, select "Browse" to find and upload the correct file, and contact CARB at <a href="mailto:lcfsverify@arb.ca.gov">lcfsverify@arb.ca.gov</a> to alert staff of the incorrect file. The system will not allow an account representative to remove the incorrect document.

# H. Updating User Profile

 Select the "User Profile" tab. On this screen, the user's (account representative's) contact information, password, and security questions may be updated. See Figure 7. To save changes, select "Submit Update." The system will update account representative information on <u>both</u> the "User Profile" and "Verification Body Profile" tabs.

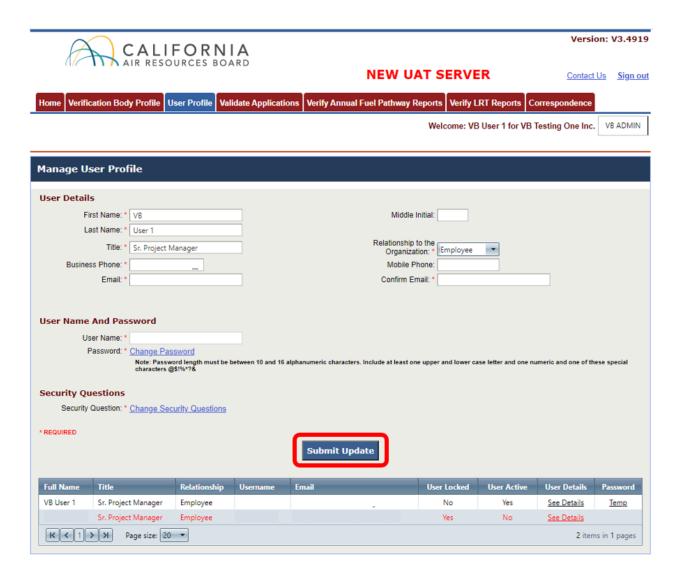


Figure 7. Editing user profile details

2. The "User Profile" tab displays all account users and the ability to send the other a temporary password. See Figure 7.

**See Details** – Selecting this link will display contact details for users other than yourself.

**Temp** – Selecting this link will send a temporary password to a user. Use this feature if the account holder is unable to reset the password on their own.

- I. Reviewing and Downloading Fuel Pathway Applications
- 1. Note that fuel pathway validation may begin after (1) the fuel reporting entity has selected an accredited verification body in the Alternative Fuel Portal (AFP), (2) the fuel reporting entity submitted its application to CARB in the AFP, and (3) CARB has notified the VB by email that it meets the requirements in section 95501(a) regarding the Conflict of Interest Assessment and Notice of Verification Services. The Conflict of Interest Assessment, Notice of Verification Services, and Verification Statement forms are available on the LCFS verification webpage: https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/lcfs-verification.
- 2. Once the fuel reporting entity has selected the VB and routed its application through CARB in AFP, the associated facilities will be visible in the "Facility" drop-down menu and tables on the "Validate Applications" tab. When selected by a fuel reporting entity, VBs are notified by an automated email. See Figure 8.

Hello Verification Body,

Your Verification Body account has been selected by the fuel pathway applicant to view and validate fuel pathway application AFP Facility1(F00364). When the fuel pathway application status is changed to "Ready for Verification" you will receive a second email and will be able to view the fuel pathway application.

Please login to the LCFS Verification On-Line Tool to view the pathway application.

This is an automated email please do not respond. If you have any questions please contact LCFS Verification at LCFSverify@arb.ca.gov.

LCFS Verification Program Administrator

Figure 8. Email notifying the entity selected VB

3. To view the list of applications ready for validation, select the "Validate Applications" tab. Use the drop-down menu to find a facility, select "Validate Applications," and use the table filters to retrieve the application. See Figure 9.

Terminology related to "Validate Applications" Tab — Figures 9 and 10:

"Facility" means a "fuel production facility." "Fuel production facility" is a defined term in section 95481 of the LCFS Regulation.

"Application" contains the Tier 1 or Tier 2 Calculator and supplemental documents as required. An "application" is associated with a "fuel production

facility" and may include more than one fuel pathway. For example, an ethanol fuel production facility would include in its application the fuel pathways specific to starch ethanol and to fiber ethanol.

"Fuel pathway applicant" is a defined term in section 95481 of the LCFS Regulation. A fuel pathway applicant (company) submits a separate application associated with each "fuel production facility."

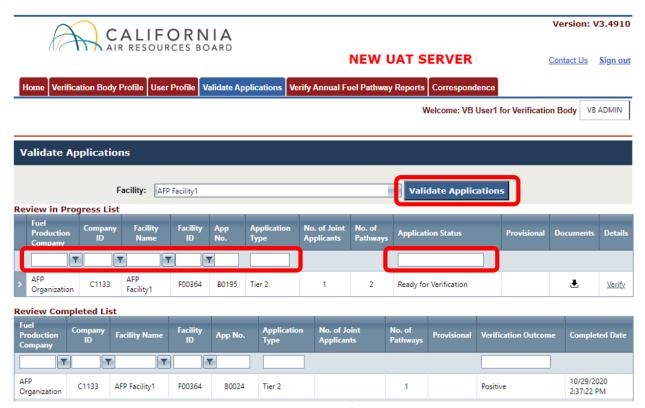


Figure 9. Filter and search in the "Validate Applications" tab

4. There are two tables on the "Validate Applications" tab: "Review in Progress List" and "Review Completed List." See Figure 9. The "Review in Progress List" table shows applications that are ready for validation or in progress. When applicable, applications validated in the past for a fuel pathway holder will display under the "Review Completed List." In Figure 9, "AFP Facility 1" has one Tier 2 pathway application ready to be verified. Results may be filtered by entering text in the column boxes and pressing "Enter" on the keyboard. A filter icon (▼) allows for options like "Starts With" or "Does Not Contain." Partial text searches will also retrieve results (e.g., "pos" in the "Verification Outcome" box will retrieve all validations with a positive outcome).

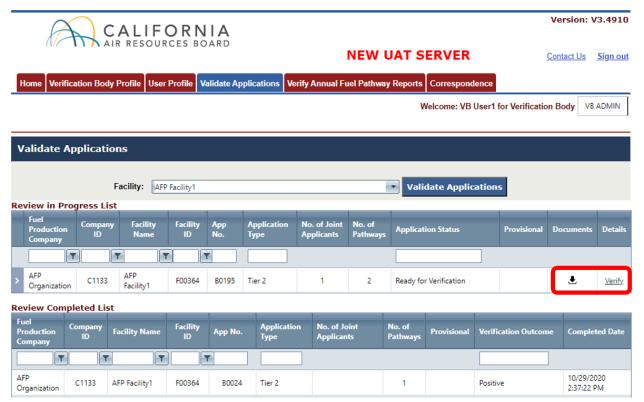


Figure 10. Review in Progress List and Review Completed List

- 5. **To view application details.** On the "Validate Applications" page, select "Verify" as shown in Figure 10. The LCFS Pathway Application screen will display with details such as joint applicant, feedstock information, and downloadable documents (Figure 11). Alternatively, application details may be viewed by selecting the down arrow next to an application on the "Validate Applications" page. See Figure 12.
- 6. To download application documents as zipped file. On the "Validate Applications" page, select the download icon (♣) to create a zipped folder for that application (Figure 10). By default, the system uses the application number to name the zipped file. In Figure 10 the application number and zip file name are "B0195." Extract the zipped files to access application documents, including the entity's Attestation Letter, Tier 1 or Tier 2 Calculator, and other supporting documents.
- 7. **To view and download content individually.** On the "Validate Applications" page, select "Verify" (Figure 10). The system will direct you to the LCFS Pathway Application screen. A fuel pathway applicant may have more than one application. Select the download icon ( ) to retrieve individual documents (Figure 11). Alternatively, individual files may be downloaded using the down arrow next to a pathway on the "Validate Applications" page. See Figure 12.

8. **To view CARB staff comments.** On the "Validate Applications" page, select "Verify." See Figure 10. The system will direct you to the LCFS Pathway Application screen. At the bottom of the page there is a comment box labeled "CARB Comments" with feedback that CARB staff provided during the application's review process. See Figure 11. Be sure to review these notes.

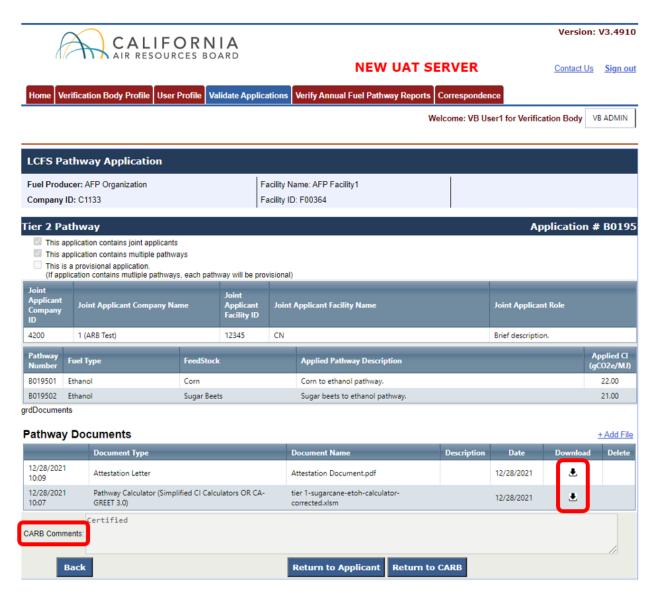


Figure 11. LCFS Pathway Application details and CARB Comments

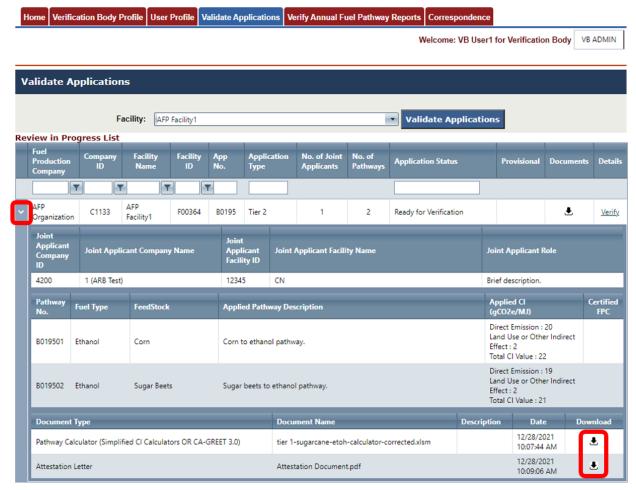


Figure 12. Downloading pathway contents

## J. Returning Application to Fuel Reporting Entity for Revisions

- 1. To return an application to the applicant for revisions, go to the "Verify Applications" tab and select the application of interest using the dropdown menu and table filters. See Figures 9 and 10.
- 2. Select "Verify" to the right of the application. See Figure 10. The system will direct you to the LCFS Pathway Application screen.
- 3. To include additional files with the application for the applicant to receive, select "+Add File" and a pop-up window will appear to upload supporting documents. See Figure 13.
- 4. At the bottom of the LCFS Pathway Application screen, select "Return to Applicant." See Figure 13. When an application is returned, these buttons

disappear until the applicant resubmits the application and the application status changes back to "Ready for Verification."

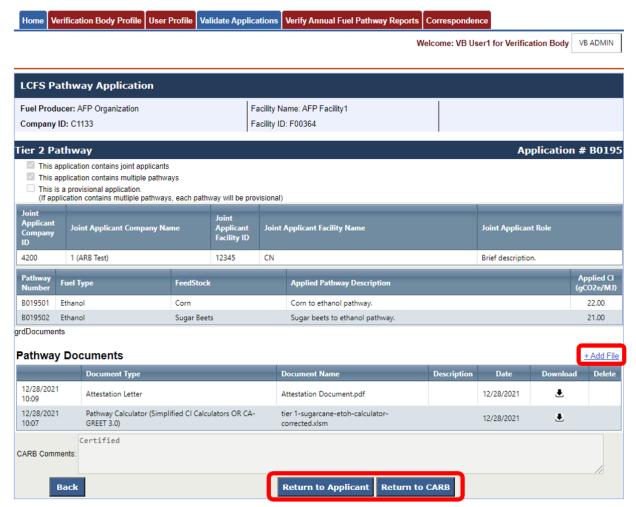


Figure 13. Returning application for revisions

5. After selecting "Return to Applicant," a pop-up window will appear requiring comments. See Figure 14. Indicate revision requests with a brief explanation, such as "Nonconformance found - see issues log." Then select "Submit."



Figure 14. Return application to applicant with comments

6. A pop-up window will appear, confirming the system has returned the application to the applicant for revisions. Select "OK." See Figure 15.

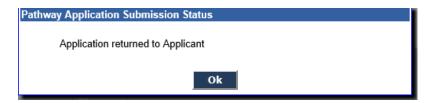


Figure 15. Pop-up window confirming revisions request

7. The system will return to the "Validate Applications" screen, and the application status will change from "Ready for Verification" to "Revisions Requested." See Figure 16.

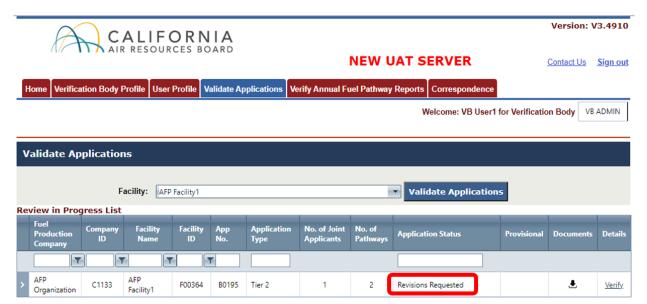


Figure 16. Application status change to revisions requested

- 8. After returning the application to the fuel reporting entity, the latest copy can still be viewed and downloaded. The system will remove the ability to submit a validation statement until the applicant corrects and resubmits the application. The application status will then change to "Resubmitted for Verification."
- The system will notify the VB by email when the applicant resubmits the application to the VB in AFP, indicating the revised application is ready for validation.

## K. Submitting Validation Statements for Fuel Pathway Applications

- 1. To submit a validation statement to CARB, go to the "Validate Applications" tab and select the application of interest by using the dropdown menu and table filters
- Select "Verify" to the right of the application. See Figure 10. The LCFS Pathway Application screen will display.
- 3. First, upload the validation statement by selecting "+Add File." See Figure 13. Select "Verification Statement" as the document type (Figure 17). Note that the verification team leader and the independent reviewer must sign the validation (verification) statement provided on the CARB LCFS verification webpage: <a href="https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/lcfs-verification">https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/lcfs-verification</a>.

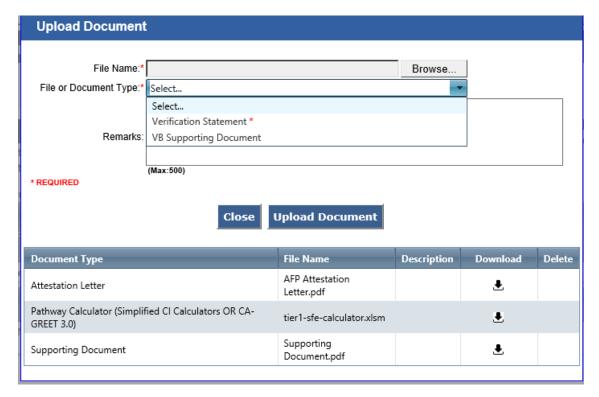


Figure 17. Adding files to application

- 4. After attaching the validation statement, at the bottom of the LCFS Pathway Application screen, select "Return to CARB." See Figure 13.
- 5. A pop-up form will appear. Select the correct validation outcome (Figure 18).

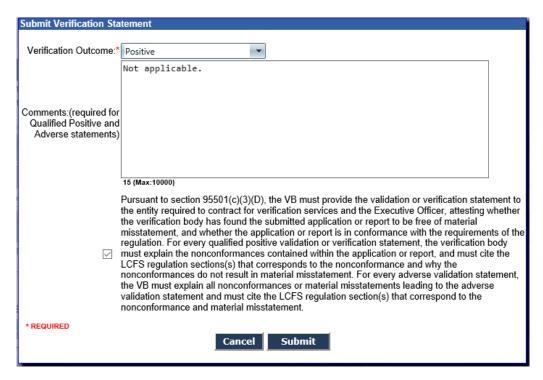


Figure 18. Submitting validation statement to CARB

- 6. Leave a brief explanation of the validation outcome in the comments box. Specific explanations for Qualified Positive and Adverse validation statements are required, pursuant to section 95501(c)(3)(D) of the LCFS Regulation. "Not applicable" may be entered in the comment box for a Positive validation statement. Check the box confirming you have read and agree to its terms. Then select "Submit." See Figure 18.
- 7. A pop-up window will confirm the system has sent the validation statement to CARB. See Figure 19.



Figure 19. Pop-up window to confirm Validation Statement submission

8. The pathway application will automatically move to the "Review Completed List" on the "Validate Applications" screen.

# L. Reviewing and Downloading Annual Fuel Pathway Reports

- Annual fuel pathway report verification services may begin after (1) the fuel reporting entity has selected an accredited verification body in AFP, and (2) CARB has notified the VB by email that it meets the requirements in section 95501(a) regarding the Conflict of Interest Assessment and Notice of Verification Services. The Conflict of Interest Assessment, Notice of Verification Services, and Verification Statement forms are available on the LCFS verification webpage: <a href="https://www2.arb.ca.gov/lcfs-verification">https://www2.arb.ca.gov/lcfs-verification</a>.
- Once the fuel reporting entity has selected the VB and routed the report through AFP, the report will be visible in the tables of the "Verify Annual Fuel Pathway Report" tab. When selected by a fuel reporting entity, VBs are notified by an automated email.
- 3. First, select the "Verify Annual Fuel Pathway Reports" tab. See Figure 20.

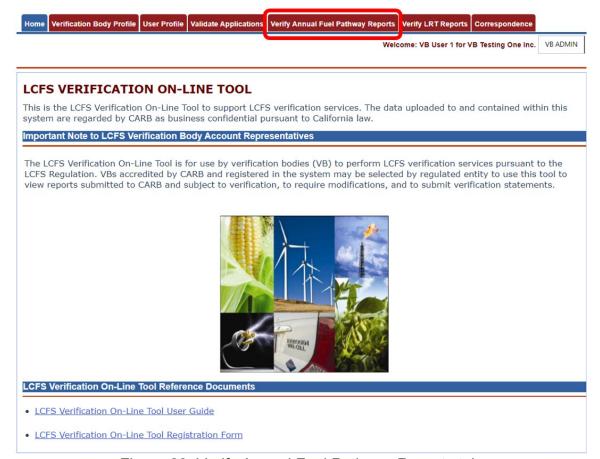


Figure 20. Verify Annual Fuel Pathway Reports tab

4. This tab opens the Annual Fuel Pathway Report page. Use the table filters to search for the annual report of interest. You may filter results by entering text in the column boxes and pressing "Enter" on the keyboard. A filter icon (▼) allows for options like "Starts With" or "Does Not Contain." Partial text searches will also retrieve results (e.g., "qual" in the "Verification Outcome" box will retrieve all verifications with a qualified positive outcome). See Figure 21.

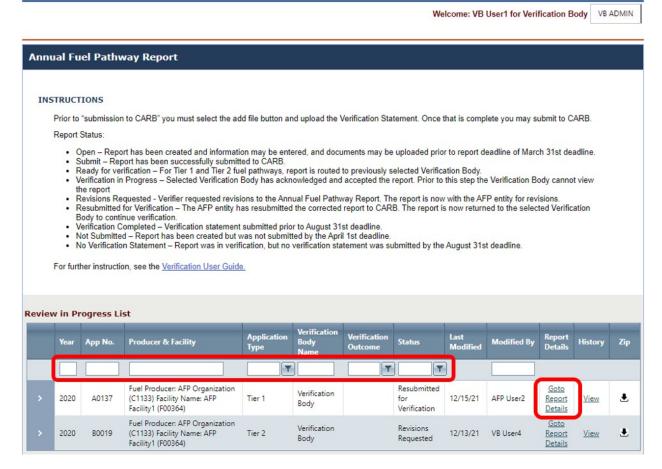


Figure 21. Annual Fuel Pathway Reports page

## Terminology related to "Verify Fuel Pathway Reports" Tab — Figure 21:

"Facility" means a "fuel production facility." "Fuel production facility" is a defined term in section 95481 of the LCFS Regulation.

"Application Type" contains the Tier 1 or Tier 2 Calculator and supplemental documents as required. An "application" is associated with a "fuel production facility" and may include more than one fuel pathway. For example, an ethanol fuel production facility would include in its application the fuel pathways specific to starch ethanol and to fiber ethanol.

- "Fuel pathway applicant" is a defined term in section 95481 of the LCFS Regulation. A fuel pathway applicant (company) submits a separate application associated with each "fuel production facility."
- 5. The table "Review in Progress List" shows annual reports that are ready for verification or in progress. When applicable, reports verified in the past for this fuel production facility will display under the "Review Completed List."
- 6. **To view report details.** Before allowing you to see report details, the system will make you confirm that you are the contracted VB. On the "Verify Annual Fuel Pathway Reports" page, select "Go to Report Details" as shown in Figure 21. This opens the Annual Fuel Pathway Report screen (Figure 22). Alternatively, the report details may be viewed by selecting the down arrow next to the report on the "Verify Annual Fuel Pathway Reports" page (Figure 23).
- 7. To download report documents as zipped file. On the "Verify Annual Fuel Pathway Reports" page, select the download icon ( ) to create a zipped folder (Figure 21). By default, the system names the zipped file after the application number and reporting year. In Figure 21, the first application number is "A0137" for reporting year "2020." Extract zipped files to access report documents.
- 8. **To download files individually.** On the "Verify Annual Fuel Pathway Reports" page, select "Go to Report Details" to open the Annual Fuel Pathway Report screen. Select the download icon (♣) to retrieve individual documents as shown in Figure 22. Alternatively, individual files may also be downloaded by selecting the down arrow next to a report on the "Verify Annual Fuel Pathway Reports" page. See Figure 23.
- 9. **To view client comments.** On the "Verify Fuel Pathway Reports" page, select "Go to Report Details." See Figure 21. The Annual Fuel Pathway Report screen will display. At the bottom of the page there is a comment box labeled "Comments" from the client (Figure 22).

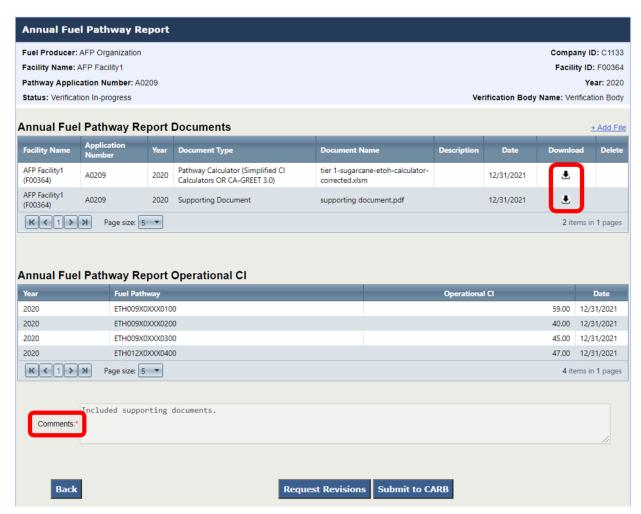


Figure 22. Annual fuel pathway report details

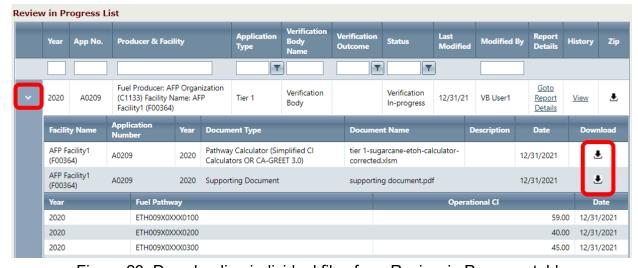


Figure 23. Downloading individual files from Review in Progress table

# M. Returning Annual Fuel Pathway Report for Revisions

- 1. To return a report to the applicant for revisions, go to the "Verify Annual Fuel Pathway Reports" tab, select the report of interest, then select "Go to Report Details." The Annual Fuel Pathway Report screen will display (Figure 24).
- 2. To include additional files with the report being returned to the applicant, select "+Add File" (Figure 24). A pop-up window will appear to upload documents.
- 3. At the bottom of the Annual Fuel Pathway Report screen, select "Request Revisions." See Figure 24. When a report is returned, these buttons will disappear until the applicant resubmits the report and its status changes to "Resubmitted for Verification."

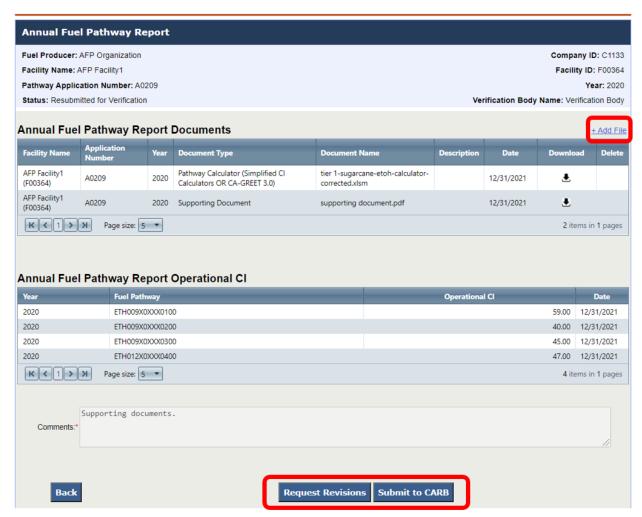


Figure 24. Returning report for revisions

- 4. A pop-up window will appear requiring comments. Indicate the revision request with a brief explanation, then select "Submit."
- A pop-up window will confirm the report was sent back to the applicant for revisions.
- 6. The system will return to the "Verify Annual Fuel Pathway Reports" screen, and the verification status will change from "Ready for Verification" to "Revisions Requested." See Figure 25.

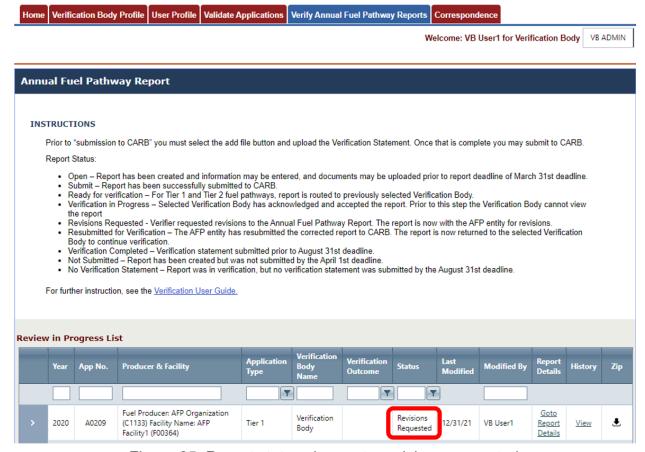


Figure 25. Report status change to revisions requested

- 7. After returning the report to the fuel reporting entity, the latest copy may still be viewed and download. However, the system will remove the ability to submit a verification statement until the applicant corrects and resubmits the report. The report status will then change to "Resubmitted for Verification."
- 8. Account representatives will be notified by email when the applicant resubmits their report, and verification in the On-Line Tool may proceed.

- N. Submitting Verification Statements for Annual Fuel Pathway Reports
- To submit a verification statement to CARB, go to the "Verify Annual Fuel Pathway Reports" tab and select the report of interest. Then select "Go to Report Details." See Figure 21.
- 2. On the Annual Fuel Pathway Report screen, upload the verification statement by selecting "+Add File." See Figure 24. Choose "Verification Statement" as the document type. Note that the verification team leader and the independent reviewer must sign the verification statement provided on the CARB LCFS verification webpage: <a href="https://www2.arb.ca.gov/lcfs-verification">https://www2.arb.ca.gov/lcfs-verification</a>.
- 3. After attaching the verification statement, at the bottom of the LCFS Pathway Application screen, select "Submit to CARB." See Figure 24.
- 4. A pop-up form will appear to select the correct verification outcome (Figure 26).

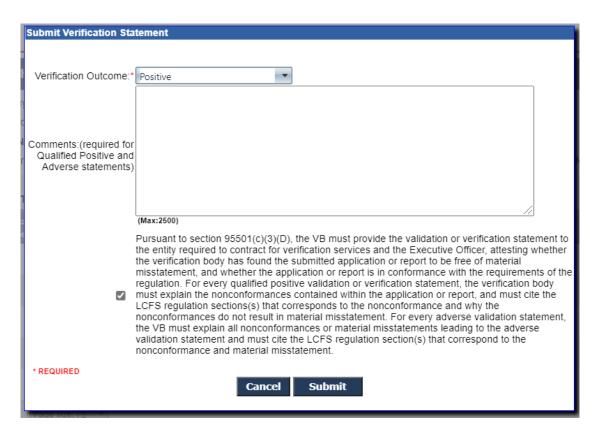


Figure 26. Submitting verification statement to CARB

- 5. Leave a brief explanation of the verification outcome in the comments box. Specific explanations for Qualified Positive and Adverse verification statements are required, pursuant to section 95501(c)(3)(D) of the LCFS Regulation. "Not applicable" may be entered in the comment box for a Positive verification statement. Check the box confirming you have read and agree to its terms. Then select "Submit."
- 6. A pop-up window will confirm the system has sent the verification statement to CARB. See Figure 27.

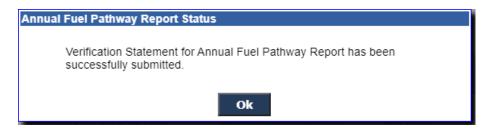


Figure 27. Pop-up window confirming submission of Verification Statement

- 7. After submitting the Verification Statement, the report will move to the "Review Completed List" on the Verify Annual Fuel Pathway Applications tab, and its status will change to "Verification Completed."
- O. Reviewing and Downloading LRT Reports
- 1. Currently, the LRT feature allows verifiers to perform verification services for Quarterly Fuel Transactions Reports.
- 2. Note that verification may begin after (1) the fuel reporting entity has selected an accredited verification body in the LCFS Reporting Tool, (2) the applicant submitted its report to CARB in the LCFS Reporting Tool (LRT), and (3) CARB has notified the VB by email that it meets the requirements in section 95501(a) regarding the Conflict of Interest Assessment and Notice of Verification Services. The Conflict of Interest Assessment, Notice of Verification Services, and Verification Statement forms are available on the LCFS verification webpage: https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/lcfs-verification.
- 3. Once the fuel reporting entity selects the VB and routes its report through CARB in LRT, the report will be visible on the "Verify LRT Reports" tab (Figure 28).

When selected by a fuel reporting entity to verify the LRT report, VBs are notified by an automated email.

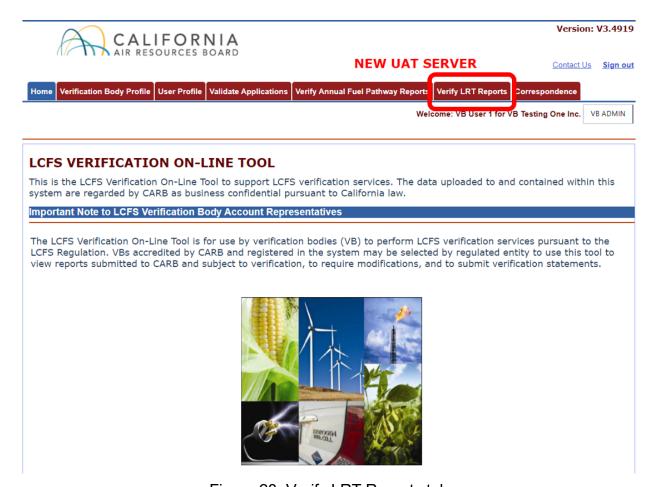


Figure 28. Verify LRT Reports tab

4. To view the list of LRT reports ready for verification, select the "Verify LRT Reports" tab (Figure 28). There are two tables on this screen: "Review in Progress List" and "Review Completed List." The "Review in Progress List" table shows reports that are ready for verification or are in progress. When applicable, reports verified in the past will display under the "Review Completed List." Results may be filtered by entering text in the column boxes and pressing "Enter" on the keyboard. A filter icon (▼) allows for options like "Starts With" or "Does Not Contain." Partial text searches will also retrieve results (e.g., "qual" in the "Verification Outcome" box will retrieve all verifications with a qualified positive outcome). See Figure 29.

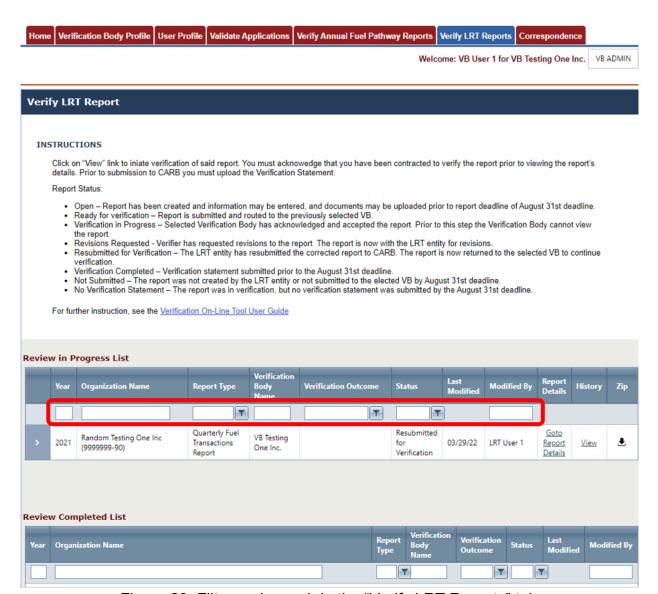


Figure 29. Filter and search in the "Verify LRT Reports" tab

5. **To view LRT report details.** On the "Verify LRT Reports" page, select "Go to Report Details" as shown in Figure 30. The LRT Report screen will display with details such as report type, data year, status, and downloadable documents (Figure 31). Alternatively, report details may be viewed by selecting the down arrow next to a report on the "Verify LRT Reports" page. See Figure 32.

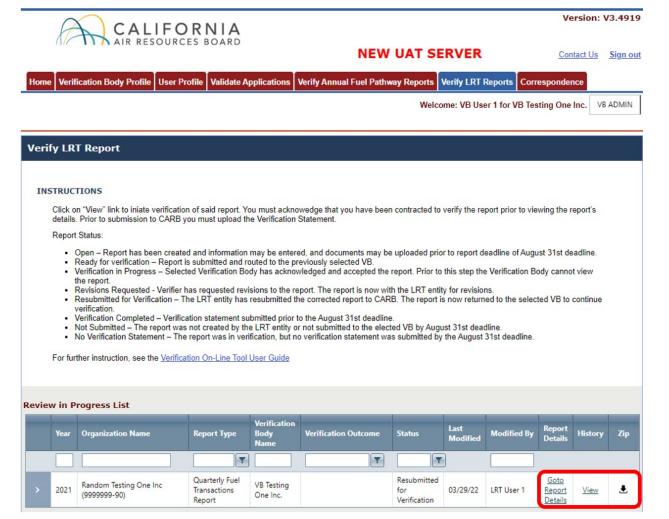


Figure 30. Viewing LRT report details

- 6. **To download documents as zipped file.** On the "Verify LRT Reports" page, select the download icon (♣) to create a zipped folder for that report (Figure 30). By default, the system uses the organization name and data year to name the zipped file. Extract the zipped files to access LRT documents such as quarterly fuel transactions reports, and other supporting documents.
- 7. To view and download content individually. On the "Verify LRT Reports" page, select "Go to Report Details" (Figure 30). The system will direct you to the LRT Report screen. Select the download icon (♣) to retrieve individual documents (Figure 31). Alternatively, individual files may be downloaded by selecting the down arrow to the left of a report on the "Verify LRT Report" page. See Figure 32.
- 8. **To view comments.** On the "Verify LRT Reports" page, select "Go to Report Details." See Figure 30. The system will direct you to the LRT Report screen.

At the bottom of the page there is a comment box labeled "Comments" with the latest comment from the verifier or fuel reporting entity. See Figure 31.

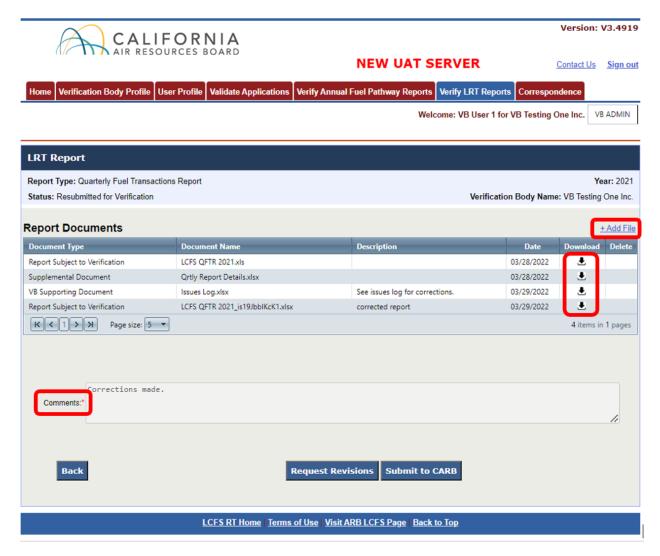


Figure 31. LRT Report details and Comments

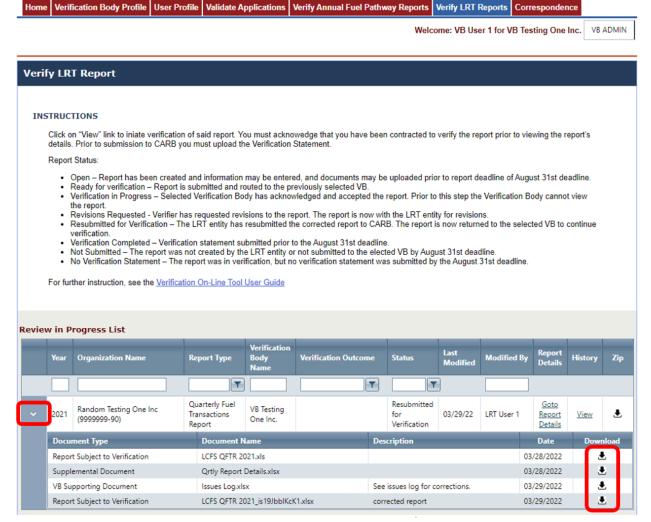


Figure 32. Downloading individual documents

## P. Returning LRT Report to Fuel Reporting Entity for Revisions

- To return an LRT report to the fuel reporting entity for revisions, go to the "Verify LRT Reports" tab and select the report of interest using the dropdown menu and table filters. See Figure 29.
- 2. Select "Go to Report Details" to the right of the report (Figure 30). The system will direct you to the LRT Report details screen.
- To include additional files with the report for the fuel reporting entity to receive, select "+Add File" and a pop-up window will appear to upload supporting documents. See Figure 33.

4. At the bottom of the LRT Report screen, select "Request Revisions." See Figure 33. When a report is returned for revisions, these buttons disappear until the fuel reporting entity resubmits the report and the report status changes to "Resubmitted for Verification."

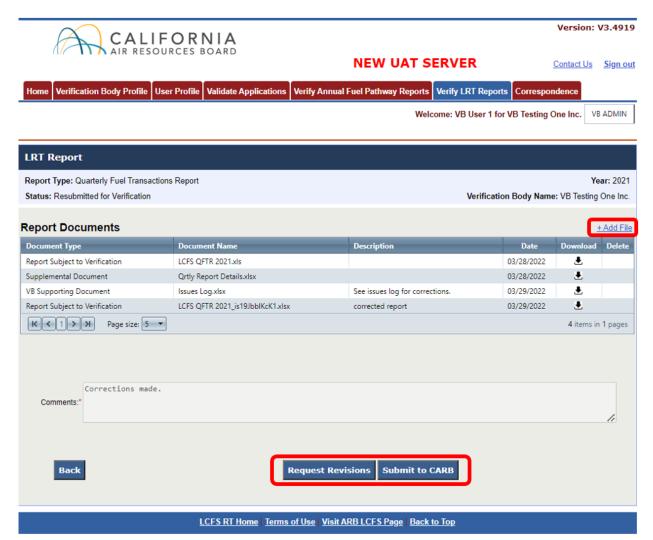


Figure 33. Returning LRT report for revisions

5. After selecting "Request Revisions," a pop-up window will appear requiring comments. See Figure 34. Indicate revision requests with a brief explanation, such as "Error found. See issues log." Then select "Submit."



Figure 34. Returning LRT report with comments

6. A pop-up window will appear, confirming the system has returned the report to the fuel reporting entity for revisions. Select "OK." See Figure 35.



Figure 35. Pop-up window confirming revisions request

7. The system will return to the "Verify LRT Reports" screen, and the report status will change to "Revisions Requested." See Figure 36.

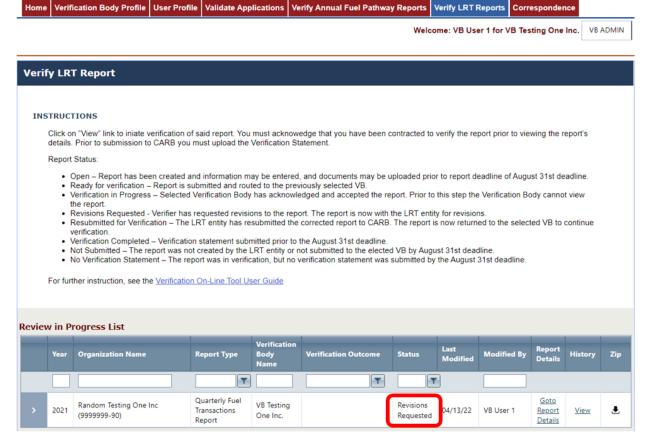


Figure 36. LRT report status change to revisions requested

- 8. After returning the report for revisions, the latest copy can still be viewed and downloaded. The system will remove the ability to submit a verification statement until the fuel reporting entity corrects and resubmits the report. The report status will then change to "Resubmitted for Verification."
- The system will notify the VB by email when the fuel reporting entity resubmits the report to the VB through LRT, indicating the revised report is ready for verification.

## Q. Submitting Verification Statements for LRT Reports

1. To submit a verification statement for LRT reports such as quarterly fuel transactions reports, go to the "Verify LRT Reports" tab and find the report of interest by using the table filters.

- 2. Select "Go to Report Details" to the right of the report. See Figure 30. The LRT Report screen will display (Figure 31).
- 3. First, upload the verification statement by selecting "+Add File." See Figure 33. Select "Verification Statement" as the document type (Figure 37). Note that the verification team leader and the independent reviewer must sign the verification statement provided on the CARB LCFS verification webpage: <a href="https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/lcfs-verification">https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/lcfs-verification</a>.

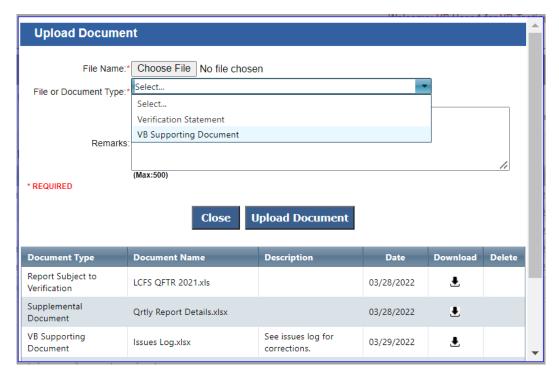


Figure 37. Adding files to the LRT Report screen

- 4. Upload the verification statement document. Then, at the bottom of the LRT Report screen, select "Submit to CARB." See Figure 33.
- 5. A pop-up form will appear. Select the correct verification outcome (Figure 38).

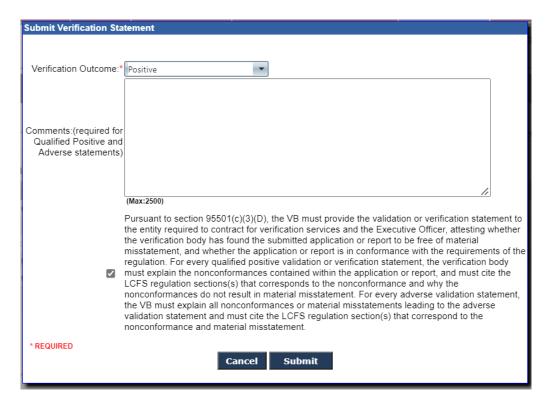


Figure 38. Submitting verification statement to CARB

- 6. Leave a brief explanation of the verification outcome in the comments box. Specific explanations for Qualified Positive and Adverse validation statements are required, pursuant to section 95501(c)(3)(D) of the LCFS Regulation. "Not applicable" may be entered in the comment box for a Positive validation statement. Check the box confirming you have read and agree to its terms. Then select "Submit."
- 7. A pop-up window will confirm the system has sent the validation statement to CARB.
- 8. On the "Verify LRT Reports" screen, the report will automatically move from the "Review in Progress List" to the "Review Completed List."

## R. Correspondence Between VB and CARB

 The correspondence function enables secure direct communications between VBs and CARB within the Verification On-Line Tool. VBs may securely send and receive sensitive business documents and messages and keep an organized record of verification service communications. To use the VB correspondence function, select the "Correspondence" tab. A window will appear showing the correspondence history between the VB and CARB (Figure 39).

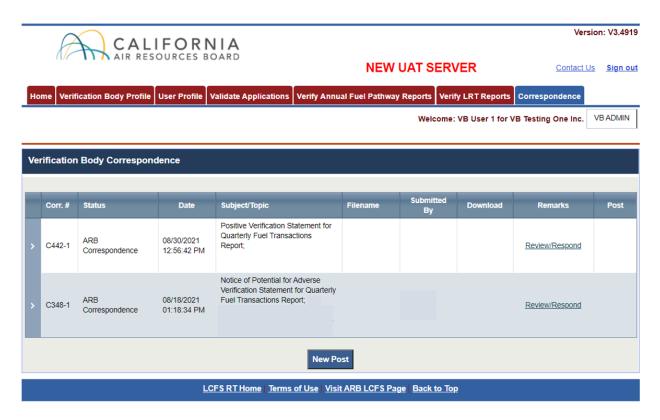


Figure 39. VB correspondence tab

2. To start a new correspondence, select the "New Post" button at the bottom of the page. A pop-up window will appear to enter information and upload attachments. See Figure 40. To attach multiple files in a single correspondence, zip the files together and submit a single zip file attachment.



Figure 40. Correspondence pop-up window

- 3. Select "Submit" to send the correspondence to CARB. Alternatively, select "Save" to edit and send out later, or "Cancel" to erase the post.
- 4. Once submitted, a pop-up window will confirm the correspondence was sent to CARB. See Figure 41.



Figure 41. Pop-up window to confirm correspondence submission

5. To view previous correspondence details, select the left arrow to expand a particular post (Figure 42). Select the download icon (♣) in the "Download" column to retrieve attachments. Review, update, or respond to a correspondence post by selecting "Review/Respond" under the "Remarks" column. The "Post" column in some cases has a "Recall" link which allows you to retract a correspondence post when applicable. The most recent message sent to CARB may be recalled. CARB may also recall messages, in which case, an automated recall email will notify the VB.

6. The correspondence numbers indicated by the "Corr. #" column do not always follow a consecutive or ascending pattern, but they are not affecting the correspondence function in any way.

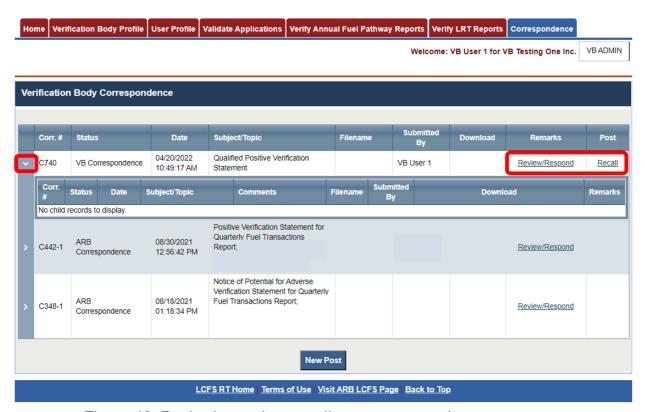


Figure 42. Reviewing and responding to correspondence post

## S. Contacting CARB

If you have questions regarding the above information, please contact us at <a href="mailto:lcfsverify@arb.ca.gov">lcfsverify@arb.ca.gov</a>.