

Low Carbon Fuel Standard Verification On-Line Tool User Guide

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A. Version History

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B. What's New in This Version

Verification On-Line Tool function added to AFP.

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

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

If the VB has additional verification team leaders, the primary or secondary account representative must perform steps I, J, and K described below on behalf of the verification team leader.

D. Logging into the System

- 1. Once CARB creates your VB account, the two account representatives will each receive two emails. The first email is an invitation containing the username and link to Verification On-Line Tool. The second email contains a temporary password. When you first log in, the system will prompt you to change your password and select security questions. You cannot change your username.
- 2. To log in, click the link provided in your invite email, which will lead to the LCFS Alternative Fuels Portal (AFP) webpage. See Figure 1.

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Alternative Fuels Portal	(AFP) Click the "AFP Account" button if you are the de company/facility (biodiesel, ethanol, renewable of This portal is for registering production facilities	diesel, biomethane, hydrogen) and want to a	access the AFP.

Figure 1. LCFS data management system landing page

3. Log in with your username and password. Your account must be active to log in to Verification On-Line Tool. If you forget your password, click "Reset Password" and follow the instructions. If you are a first time user, you need to create a new

password, establish your security questions, and accept the use agreement (see the following steps).

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

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Terms of Use
ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS The services that the California Air Resources Board ("CARB") provides to you are subject to the following Terms of Use ("TOU"). CARB reserves the right to update the TOU at any time without notice to you. The most current version of the TOU will be provided to you upon your request or when you login to the system.
DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES
Through its network of web and network applications, CARB provides you with access to a variety of resources, (collectively "Services"). The Services, including any updates, enhancements or new features, are subject to the TOU.
I understand and agree to the terms of use for this system 🔲
Certification of Signatory Authority with Electronic Signature
By 'Electronically Signing' as part of LCFS Verification On-Line Tool, you are confirming that you, the user signed in and identified by the name above, understand that an electronic signature is taking place and you intend to be bound by and authenticate this electronic record and attest to the statements contained within, and that you understand that submitting another individual or company's electronic signature or attesting to false statements in an electronic record is a false statement that is punishable under the California Penal Code and may constitute other crimes such as perjury, theft, attempted theft, criminal mischief, forgery, criminal impersonation, scheme to defraud or criminal use of a computer; or other criminal offenses under state, municipal, or federal law.
L certify that information supplied herein is correct and that I have the authority by the company above to electronically sign this document.
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Example : John M Doe
By typing in my name I certify the above with my digital signature : Electronically Sign
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Figure 2. Accepting the LCFS system use agreement

7. After accepting the use agreement, the system will direct you to your verification homepage. See Figure 3. *Twenty minutes of inactivity may cause your session to expire.*



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Welcome: Linda Walker for VB 1 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 Administrators

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 responsible entities 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



E. Homepage Navigation

1. Your account displays four tabs. The color *blue* indicates your active tab. Table 1 describes each tab.

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 user
Verify Applications	 -View current contracted facilities -Review applications in progress -Review completed applications -Download application documents -Validate fuel pathway applications -Send applications back to applicants for revisions -Submit validation/verification statements to CARB

Table 1. Description of the homepage tabs of the LCFS Verification On-Line Tool

F. Updating VB Profile

1. Click the "Verification Body Profile" tab at the top of the homepage. In "Organization Details" you may update your VB's address, and place and date of incorporation. See Figure 4.



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PRIMARY REPRESEN	TATIVE/ADMINISTRATOR DETAILS	
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Last Name: *	Walker	
Title: *	CEO	Relationship to the Employee
Business Phone: *	123-456-7890	
Mobile Phone:		
Email: *	name@vb.com	
User Name: *	Linda.Walker	
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Last Name: *	Stevens	
Title: *	Director	Relationship to the Organization: * Employee
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Figure 4. Verification Body profile screen

- 2. To save changes to your VB profile, click "Submit Update" at the bottom of the page (see Figure 4). System will notify CARB of these changes.
- 3. Under "Organization Details" are your two account administrators the primary and secondary representatives. You cannot modify representatives directly on

this screen. Instead, each user can edit his or her own details on the "User Profile" tab, described in the next section. The User Name cannot be edited.

- If you need to change account administrators, you must upload a new registration form. See Section H, "Change in VB Admin and Registration Form," in this user guide.
- G. Updating User Profile
- 1. Select the "User Profile" tab. On this screen, you may update your user contact information, password, and security questions. See Figure 5. To save changes to your contact information, click "Submit Update." The system will update your user information on both the "User Profile" and "Verification Body Profile" tabs.

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Figure 5. Editing the details of the user profile

2. The "User Profile" tab also displays other user details and the ability to send a user a temporary password. See Figure 5.

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

Temp – Clicking this link will send a temporary password to a user. Use this feature if the account holder is unable to reset the password on his or her own.

- H. Change in VB Admin and Registration Form
- 1. To change your VB's account representatives (admin), you must fill out a new registration form provided on the homepage. Once completed, you will upload this document to the "Verification Body Profile" tab.
- 2. First, click the "Home" tab. This will direct you to the homepage of the LCFS Verification On-Line Tool. See Figure 3.
- Scroll down to the On-Line Tool Reference Documents section. Click "LCFS Verification On-Line Tool Registration Form." The downloadable form will open in a new window. See Figure 6. Download and complete the registration form. Both primary and secondary representatives are required, pursuant to section

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Figure 6. LCFS verification account registration form

- To upload your completed form, select the "Verification Body Profile" tab. Under "Organization Details," click "Browse" to upload your registration form. See Figure 4.
- 5. Click "Submit Update." A confirmation pop-up will appear (see Figure 7). The system will notify CARB of your changes, and CARB will update your account as needed.

Message		
	Verification profile has been updated	
	Ok	



- If you upload an incorrect registration document and need to replace it, click "Browse" to find and upload another file, and contact CARB at <u>lcfsverify@arb.ca.gov</u> to remove the incorrect file. The system will not allow you to remove the document on your own.
- I. Reviewing and Downloading Fuel Pathway Applications
- Note that fuel pathway validation services may begin (1) after the fuel pathway applicant has selected its accredited verification body in the AFP and then submitted its application to CARB via the AFP and (2) when the verification body meets the requirements in section 95501(a) regarding timing and CARB approvals of Conflict of Interest and Notice of Verification Services. The Conflict of Interest, Notice of Verification Services, and Verification Statement forms will be available on the LCFS verification webpage.

Select the "Verify Applications" tab to see the list of associated "facilities." The fuel production facility will be visible in your "Facility" drop-down menu once the applicant has selected your VB to verify an application and then submitted the

application to CARB via the AFP. See Figure 8. Use the drop-down to select your desired facility, and then click the "Verify Applications" button.

Terminology in "Verify Applications" Sheet — Figures 8 and 9:

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

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Figure 8. Information included in the "Verify Applications" tab

2. There are two tables: "Review in Progress List" and "Review Completed List." See Figure 9. The table "Review in Progress List" shows applications that are ready for verification or in progress. When applicable, applications verified in the past for this fuel production facility will display under the "Review Completed List." In this case, facility "a" has one Tier 1 pathway application ready for verification. You can filter your results by entering text in the column boxes and pressing "Enter" on your keyboard. Partial text such as "pos" will also retrieve results.

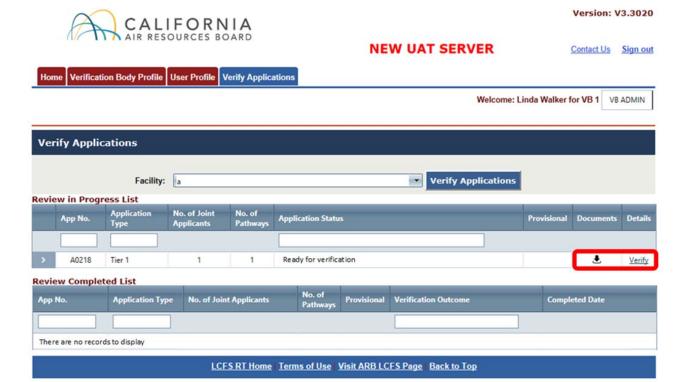


Figure 9. Review in Progress List and Review Completed List of pathway applications

- 3. **To download the zipped file.** On the "Verify Applications" page, click the download icon to create a zipped folder for that application. See Figure 9. By default, the system names the zipped folder after the application number. In this case, the application number is "A0218." Extract these files to access application documents, including the applicant's Attestation Letter, Tier 1 or Tier 2 Calculator, and other supporting documents.
- 4. To view and download content individually. You have two options to view and download individual application documents. On the "Verify Applications" page, click "Verify." See Figure 9. The system will direct you to the LCFS Pathway Application screen, with details such as joint applicant and feedstock information. See Figure 10. The "Fuel Producer" and "Company ID" refers to the fuel pathway applicant. As noted above, a fuel pathway applicant (company) may have more than one application. Each application is associated with a fuel production facility. You can also see what documents the application includes. Click the download icon to retrieve individual documents.

As a second option, you may also view and download individual files by clicking the down arrow next to your pathway on the "Verify Applications" page. See Figure 11.

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Figure 10. The LCFS Pathway Application screen

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Figure 11. Downloading pathway contents from Review in Progress List

J. Returning to Applicant for Revisions

- 1. To return an application to the applicant for revisions, go to the "Verify Applications" tab and select your facility of interest. Then click "Verify Applications." See Figure 8.
- 2. Click "Verify" to the right of the application. See Figure 9. The system will direct you to the LCFS Pathway Application screen.
- 3. To add files for the applicant to see with your return, click "+Add File" and a pop-up window will appear to upload your supporting documents. See Figure 12.
- 4. At the bottom of the LCFS Pathway Application screen, click "Return to Applicant." See Figure 12. After you return the application, these buttons will disappear until the applicant resubmits the application and the application status changes back to "Ready for Verification."

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Figure 12. Returning application for revisions

5. A pop-up window will appear requiring comments for your return. See Figure 13. Indicate your revision request with a brief explanation, such as "Revisions requested. Nonconformance found. See issues log." Then click "Submit."

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Figure 13. Return application to applicant with comments requesting revisions

6. A pop-up window will appear, confirming the system has returned the application to the applicant for revisions. Click "OK." See Figure 14.

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Figure 14. A pop-up window to confirm the submission of revision requests

7. The system will take you back to the "Verify Applications" screen, and the application status will change from "Ready for Verification" to "Revisions Requested." See Figure 15.

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Figure 15. Snapshot showing application status update to revisions requested

- 8. After returning the application to the applicant, you can still view and download your latest copy. *The system will remove your ability to submit a validation statement until the applicant corrects and resubmits the application. The application status will then change back to "Ready for Verification."*
- 9. System will notify you by email when the applicant resubmits its application, and verification steps in Verification On-Line Tool may proceed.

K. Submitting a Verification Statement

- 1. To submit a validation/verification statement to CARB, go to the "Verify Applications" tab and select your facility of interest. Then click "Verify Applications." See Figure 8.
- 2. Click "Verify" to the right of the application. See Figure 9. The system will direct you to the LCFS Pathway Application screen.
- First, upload your validation or verification statement by clicking "+Add File." See Figure 12. Select "Verification Statement" as your document type. See Figure 16. Note that the verification team leader and the independent reviewer must sign the validation or verification statement provided on the CARB LCFS verification webpage.

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Figure 16. Adding files to Application

4. After attaching your statement, at the bottom of the LCFS Pathway Application screen, click "Return to CARB." See Figure 12.

5. A pop-up form will appear. Select your verification outcome. See Figure 17.

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Figure 17. Submit validation/verification statement to CARB

- 6. 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 requirements. Then click "Submit." See Figure 17.
- 7. A pop-up window will confirm the system has sent your verification statement to CARB. See Figure 18.



Figure 18. A pop-up window to confirm the submission of Verification Statement

8. Once CARB acknowledges the verification statement, the applicant will see its application status change to "Verification Acknowledged."

L. Contacting CARB

If you have questions regarding the above information, please contact us at lcfsverify@arb.ca.gov.