Metadata Description

Data Dictionary - Committee Master File

General Description

This file contains one record for each committee registered with the Federal Election Commission. This includes federal political action committees and party committees, campaign committees for presidential, house and senate candidates, as well as groups or organizations who are spending money for or against candidates for federal office. The file contains basic information about the committees. The ID number the Commission assigned to the committee is first, along with the name of the committee, the sponsor, where appropriate, the treasurer's name and the committee's address. The file also includes information about what type of committee is being described, along with the candidate's ID number if it is a campaign committee.

Header file and file format information

A comma delimited header file is available for [download].

The end-of-line (EOL) marker is line feed '\n' (LF, 0x0A, 10 in decimal). The Committee Master File contains the following information:

Column Name	Field Name	Position	Null?	Data Type	Description
CMTE_ID	Committee Identification	1	N	VARCHAR2(9)	A 9-character alpha-numeric code assigned to a committee by the Federal Election Commission. The committee ID for a specific committee always remains the same.
CMTE_NM	Committee Name	2	Y	VARCHAR2(200)	
TRES_NM	Treasurer's Name	3	Y	VARCHAR2(90)	The officially registered treasurer for the committee.
CMTE_ST1	Street One	4	Y	VARCHAR2(34)	
CMTE_ST2	Street Two	5	Y	VARCHAR2(34)	
CMTE_CITY	City or Town	6	Y	VARCHAR2(30)	
CMTE_ST	State	7	Y	VARCHAR2(2)	
CMTE_ZIP	Zip Code	8	Y	VARCHAR2(9)	
CMTE_DSGN	Committee Designation	9	Y	VARCHAR2(1)	A = Authorized by a candidate B = Lobbyist/Registrant PAC D = Leadership PAC J = Joint fundraiser P = Principal campaign committee of a candidate U = Unauthorized
CMTE_TP	Committee Type	10	Y	VARCHAR2(1)	[List of committee type codes]
CMTE_PTY_AFFILIATION	Committee Party	11	Y	VARCHAR2(3)	[List of party codes]
CMTE_FILING_FREQ	Filing Frequency	12	Y	VARCHAR2(1)	A = Administratively terminated D = Debt M = Monthly filer Q = Quarterly filer

					T = Terminated W = Waived
ORG_TP	Interest Group Category	13	Y	VARCHAR2(1)	C = Corporation L = Labor organization M = Membership organization T = Trade association V = Cooperative W = Corporation without capital stock
CONNECTED_ORG_NM	Connected Organization's Name	14	Y	VARCHAR2(200)	
CAND_ID	Candidate Identification	15	Y	VARCHAR2(9)	When a committee has a committee type designation of H, S, or P the identification number of the candidate will be entered in this field.