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The committee master file contains basic information for each committee registered with the Federal Election Commission, including:

- Federal political action committees and party committees

- Campaign committees for presidential, house, and senate candidates

- Groups or organizations spending money for or against candidates for federal office

The file has one record per committee and shows the committee identification number, committee name, sponsor (when appropriate), treasurer name, committee address, information about the type of committee, and the candidate identification number (for campaign committees). The end-of-line (EOL) marker is line feed '\n' (LF, 0x0A, 10 in decimal).

Committee master file format

Column name	Field name	Position	Null	Data type	Description	Example data
CMTE_ID	Committee identification	1	N	VARCHAR2(9)	A 9-character alpha-numeric code assigned to a committee by the Federal Election Commission. Committee IDs are unique and an ID for a specific committee always remains the same.	C00100005
CMTE_NM	Committee name	2	Y	VARCHAR2(200)		Martha Washington for Congress
TRES_NM	Treasurer's name	3	Y	VARCHAR2(90)	The officially registered treasurer for the committee.	Alexander Hamilton
CMTE_ST1	Street one	4	Y	VARCHAR2(34)		1001 George Washington Hwy
CMTE_ST2	Street two	5	Y	VARCHAR2(34)		Suite 203
CMTE_CITY	City or town	6	Y	VARCHAR2(30)		Alexandria

CMTE_ST	State	7	Y	VARCHAR2(2)		VA
CMTE_ZIP	ZIP code	8	Y	VARCHAR2(9)		22201
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	A
CMTE_TP	Committee type	10	Y	VARCHAR2(1)	List of committee type codes	H
CMTE_PTY_AFFILIATION	Committee party	11	Y	VARCHAR2(3)	List of party codes	NON
CMTE_FILING_FREQ	Filing frequency	12	Y	VARCHAR2(1)	A = Administratively terminated D = Debt M = Monthly filer Q = Quarterly filer T = Terminated W = Waived	Q
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	C
CONNECTED_ORG_NM	Connected organization's name	14	Y	VARCHAR2(200)		Widgets, Incorporated
CAND_ID	Candidate identification	15	Y	VARCHAR2(9)	When a committee has a committee type designation of H, S, or P, the candidate's identification number will be entered in this field.	H1VA01225

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