

# **USER'S GUIDE**



CommentCounts is an online database of the public comments received in response to the **Renewable Fuel Standard Program: Standards for 2019 and Biomass-Based Diesel Volume for 2020 (EPA-HQ-OAR-2018-0167).** Comment Excerpts from the public comment text is organized in CommentCounts by outline headings. CommentCounts also contains all significant comment document files from the docket. Use this User's Guide to get started using CommentCounts.

Depending on your access level, you can use CommentCounts to:

- Search the database of organized comment excerpt text in many different ways
- View, download, and print the original comment document files
- Generate MS Word or Excel reports of the categorized comment excerpt text or of statements of concern/responses
- Move comment excerpt text from one outline section to another
- Draft, edit, and finalize responses to comment excerpts (NOTE: the Response Module will remain closed until the text of the public comments is added to the database. The "What's New" alert on the Comment Counts homepage will let you know when the response module opens.)

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# **LOGGING IN**

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# **HOME PAGE**





# **SEARCH COMMENTS**

To view categorized comment text or the original comment documents, use the links under the "Search Comments" on the home page. Comment documents can also be accessed under the "Comments" or "Reports" tabs on the top of the page.

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### **Move Comment Excerpt Request**

If you click on the link shown on the previous page to request the comment be moved, you are taken to the screen shown on the next page, which is CommentCounts' *Move Comment Excerpt Request* Function. This section explains how you can request that all or part of the comment excerpt text be moved or copied to another outline section.

#### Do you want to Move or Copy the comment excerpt text?

- Moving the comment excerpt text removes it from the current outline section and puts it into a different outline section.
- Copying the comment excerpt text keeps it in the current outline section and also adds it to another outline section.

#### Do you want to Move all of the comment excerpt text or only part of the comment excerpt text?

- A *Full Move* means all the comment excerpt text will be moved. Select this option if all of the comment excerpt text is in the wrong outline section.
- A *Partial Move* means only some of the comment excerpt text will be moved. Select this option if only some of the comment excerpt text is in the wrong outline section.

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**Note:** The comments are not moved instantly after the requests are submitted, but the requests are filled as promptly as possible.





# **BROWSE COMMENT DOCUMENTS**

You have access to all comment documents and attachment files received in the docket. On the home page, click on Browse Comment Documents.



**View Comment Documents** 

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#### View Comment Documents

This search will allow you to search the comment documents that have been uploaded to the system.

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View Categorized Comment Documents by Organization

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# **RESPOND TO COMMENTS**

There are different levels of access for responding to comment excerpts. Your access level will determine how you can use the Response Module. Some users have read-only access to the comment excerpts and responses. Some users can create, edit, and submit draft responses. Other users can create, edit, and submit final responses.

Use the links under "Respond to Comments" on the home page to create or edit a response.

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# **Create Response**

This page allows you to prepare a response to the selected comment excerpt(s) as well as edit the "Comment Excerpt(s)" text box on the left if you wish to provide a summary of comment text.

Once you've prepared your response in the right text box, you can save, submit as draft, or submit as final, depending on your user access level.

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If you feel that the comment excerpt should not be associated with a response, it is important to ungroup the comment to ensure that it can be responded to elsewhere. The procedure for ungrouping a comment excerpt is discussed in more detail below.



### **Update Existing Response**

This function allows you to edit an existing response.

### Select an Outline

Click the *Update Existing Response* link on the home page (or *Update*, under the "Responses" tab), then select the outline heading of the response you wish to update.

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### **Grouping and Ungrouping Comments to Responses**

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The **GROUPING** tool allows you to group additional like-comments to a response that has already been prepared. Keep in mind that only comments that are in the same outline heading and are not already linked to an existing response can be grouped using this tool.

If you wish to group a comment excerpt that is currently categorized in a different outline heading, it's necessary to first submit a request to move it to your current outline. Once the request is executed and the desired comment excerpt is in the same outline heading as the target response, you will be able to group the comment excerpt. If you want to change the grouping of a comment excerpt that is already linked to a response, you must first use the ungroup tool (as comments cannot be linked to multiple responses). See instructions "Ungroup Comments from Response" below.

**NOTE:** When you add an additional comment excerpt to a group, the verbatim text of that comment will be appended to the bottom of the text in the "Comment Excerpt(s)" text box. If you have already edited or summarized the comment text in this text box, you may need to edit it again after you group additional comment excerpts to a response.

# **Group Additional Comments**



Click *Group Additional Comment Excerpts to Response* next to your response of interest.



# **Select Comments to Group**

This page displays all comment excerpts in the same outline heading that are not already linked to a response. Select the eligible comments that you wish to link to your existing response.

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# **Responses & Grouped Comment Excerpts**

This page displays a summary of all comment excerpts linked to the response, included those newly grouped.

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The **UNGROUP** feature allows you to request that a comment excerpt be un-grouped from the response to which it is currently linked. While your request will be executed promptly, please note that this is not an automatic function like the grouping feature.

# **Ungroup Comments from Response**

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**NOTE:** You cannot select multiple comments to be ungrouped simultaneously. Ungrouping must be requested for each individual comment excerpt that you wish to ungroup from the response.

# **Response and Grouped Comment Excerpt(s)**

This screen confirms your submission and provides a summary of your request.

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You have the option to download reports of all comments, reports that contain responses and comments text/summaries, and reports that contain responses, comment summaries and the original comment text via "Downloads" under the "Reports" tab. Reports can be downloaded to either Microsoft Word or Excel.

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