Question	Answer
1. Board Name	Division of Air Pollution Control
2. Point of Contact	Brandon Schwendeman
3. Describe the board's primary purpose, goals and objectives, and licenses issued.	The asbestos program licenses and certifies companies and people directly involved with the asbestos abatement industry. OAC Chapter 3745-22 contains regulations pertaining to licensed contractors performing asbestos removal projects, individual certification requirements for project supervisors, project designers, workers removing asbestos, persons inspecting buildings for asbestos-containing materials and developing plans to manage asbestos found in a facility, persons conducting air sampling for asbestos, and the companies that provide required asbestos training. We issue licenses or certifications for abatement contractors, abatement workers, abatement supervisors, project designers, evaluation specialists, and air monitoring technicians. We also approve asbestos training providers that conduct the required annual training for all individuals that work in asbestos.
4. Describe the board's annual workload. How many staff are employed?	Approximately 5,000 certifications and approximately 200 contractor licenses are issued each year. We typically have two employees that issue these licenses and certifications full-time and a supervisor that oversees work on a part-time basis. We have a third employee that reviews and approves the asbestos contractor licenses.
5. How many new licenses does the board issue annually? How many renewed licenses are issued annually? How much does a new license cost? How much does a renewal cost?	We process and issue approximately 1,200 initial and 3,800 individual renewal certifications each year and 30 initial and 215 renewal licenses for contractors each year. Asbestos hazard abatement worker certification requires successful completion of a U.S. EPA-approved four-day asbestos hazard abatement worker initial training course or a U.S. EPA-approved five-day asbestos contractor/supervisor initial training course, submission of a completed asbestos certification application form and a $50 annual application fee. Proof of annual one-day refresher training is required when applicable. Asbestos hazard abatement specialist certification requires successful completion of a U.S. EPA-approved five-day asbestos contractor/supervisor initial training course, submission of a completed asbestos certification application form and a $200 annual application fee. Proof of annual one-day refresher training is required when applicable. Asbestos hazard evaluation specialist certification requires successful completion of a U.S. EPA-approved three-day building inspector initial training course AND a U.S. EPA-approved two-day management planner initial training course, submission of a completed asbestos certification application form and a $200 annual application fee. Proof of annual one-day refresher training is required when applicable. Asbestos hazard abatement project designer certification requires successful completion of a U.S. EPA-approved three-day asbestos hazard abatement project designer initial training course, submission of a completed asbestos certification application form and a $200 annual application fee. Proof of annual one-day refresher training is required when applicable. Asbestos hazard abatement air monitoring technician certification requires successful completion of an Ohio EPA-approved 15-hour asbestos hazard abatement air monitoring

	technician initial training course OR provide proof of successful completion of any U.S. EPA-approved asbestos course and the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health course number 582 OR the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health course 582 equivalent course, submission of a completed asbestos certification application form and a $100 annual application fee. No annual refresher training is required for this certification. Annual application for an asbestos contractor license requires submittals that include the $750 application fee, proof of at least one employee as an Ohio EPA-certified asbestos hazard abatement specialist, and a list of projects completed within the last 12 months including client names, addresses, contact names, phone numbers, project completion dates, types and quantities of asbestos-containing materials removed. Each individual certification and contractor license expires one year after the date of issuance, unless it is revoked or suspended. A potential asbestos training provider will submit an application to Ohio EPA for approval. The course approval will expire one year from the date of the final approval, but the training provider may apply for renewal annually. Any person may apply to receive asbestos training approval to Ohio EPA by submitting a written application and paying a non-refundable fee of $900 for an initial course or $300 for a refresher course.
6. In the past 5 years, has there been any consideration to lower the licensure cost?	No. Licensing and certification fees have remained the same since 2004.
7. How much revenue is procured from the licensure fees? What does this revenue fund?	Approximately $900,000 per year. These funds are used for the oversight of asbestos removal activities in the state including the administration of the certification program.
8. Are there any federal regulations, or regulations required to be met outside of the existing licensure requirements that have to be complied with? Does federal law require the board to be renewed in some form?	a) Yes. b) No.
9. Does the board issue an examination prior to licensure? Does the board issue continuing education courses? If so, how often is continuing education necessary? If the examination or	a) The program does not issue an examination prior to licensure or certification. However, approved Ohio training providers are required to issue an exam at the completion of the training course for every student. b) No, the program does not issue continuing education courses. However, approved Ohio training course providers are required to offer asbestos specific refresher courses annually so that students can apply for licensure and certification in Ohio. c) Typically, refresher courses are eight hours each and are required annually. d) Private businesses apply for and receive

continuing education requirements are done outside the board then what determines the selection of an outside organization to host it?	approval from us to teach these courses once they have met all of the qualifications.
10. How many other states regulate the occupation or occupations under the board's jurisdiction? Is a license required to engage in that occupation or those occupations in other states?	a) Most, if not all, other states have their own program that regulate asbestos related work activities consistent with federal requirements. b) Annual asbestos training is required, and it would be up to that individual state if licensing and certification are required. Most states have this requirement.
11. Has the operation of the board inhibited economic growth, reduced efficiency, or increased the cost of government?	No.
12. Are there any licenses that are no longer issued by the board?	No.
13. Is there anything that the board would like to see changed or implemented in regards to occupational licensing within the scope of this legislative review?	No.
14. Has the board recommended statutory changes to the general assembly that would benefit the public as opposed to the persons regulated by the board, if any, and have those recommendations and other policies been adopted and implemented?	No. The program does not regulate homeowners that perform asbestos work in their own home themselves. The majority of the asbestos regulations are in place to protect the public’s health by preventing asbestos exposure during renovation and demolition activities, but homeowners are exempt.
15. Is the preservation of the board and the	Yes. This program is directly related to public health and safety.

board's licenses necessary to protect the public's health, safety, or welfare?	
16. Could the public be protected or served in an alternate or less restrictive manner? If applicable, please identify any licenses or functions of the board that could be eliminated or consolidated.	a) No. b) N/A. None.
17. Any additional notes or comments the board believes the committee should be aware of?	None.