Question	Answer
1. Board Name	Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization
2. Point of Contact	Brad Mitchell
3. Describe the board's primary purpose, goals and objectives, and licenses issued.	The purpose of Ohio's hazardous waste permitting program is to prevent harm to human health and the environment associated with the management of hazardous waste through permitting of activities. Generally, the goals and objectives of Ohio's hazardous waste program, in addition to protecting human health and the environment, are the conservation of resources – both energy and natural – reducing the amount of hazardous waste generated, and ensuring proper management of hazardous waste. One method of achieving these goals is by issuing hazardous waste installation and operation permits. These permits aim to prevent environmental and human health risks associated with hazardous waste via proper storage, treatment, and disposal activities. The permits include a wide range of activities from the construction of a facility to its day-to-day operations. Permits cover elements such as the design of the facility, emergency plans, employee training, cleanup activities at the end of operation of the facility, and financial assurance to ensure permitted facilities will be properly cleaned up at the end of operations. While Ohio EPA oversees the majority of the permit, until US EPA grants authorization for organic air emissions, there is also a federal permit for the AABBCC rules. Ohio EPA interfaces with the US EPA to coordinate permit activities.
4. Describe the board's annual workload. How many staff are employed?	There are 10.5 FTEs designated for permit-related activities, associated data management activities, and associated financial review activities related to permitting. There is some additional support from the districts on permit-related activities, however, not on a full-time basis.
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?	The number of permits issued on an annual basis varies, depending on new applications, but generally is less than 3 per year. There are approximately 5 hazardous waste permit renewals per year, but this can vary from year to year. In between renewals, the division works with facilities to review and process permit modifications, ensuring that the effective permit is a "living document." Both the fee for a new hazardous waste permit application and the application to renew a hazardous waste permit is $1500.00. Permit renewals occur once every ten (10) years. Annual fees can range from $500 (container storage) to $40,000 (off-site disposal).
6. In the past 5 years, has there been any consideration to lower the licensure cost?	The division has compared fees across multiple states and regions over the years related to hazardous waste permitting, including as recently as 2023. Upon reviewing the results of the rate survey, Ohio continues to maintain fees much lower than average related to hazardous waste permitting. Upon review, the division has opted to maintain fees at their current rates.

7. How much revenue is procured from the licensure fees? What does this revenue fund?	Approximately $270,000 in licensure fees. This revenue funds hazardous waste permit-related review, outreach, and administration. It is also used to fulfill requirements for federal RCRA public noticing for new and renewed permits and major permit modifications (e.g., announcing actions via radio station and newspaper notices).
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?	The Ohio Regulations are functionally equivalent to the Federal Regulations. No federal law requires a board to be renewed for the continuation of the hazardous waste permitting program.
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 continuing education requirements are done outside the board then what determines the selection of an outside organization to host it?	a. There is no examination for the facilities. b. There are no continuing education requirements for the facilities related to permitting. c. Not applicable. d. Not applicable.
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?	Hazardous waste permits are not an occupation like a dentist or a registered sanitarian. All states have a hazardous waste permitting program either managed at the state level, if they are authorized (as is Ohio’s case), or through the federal EPA, if not authorized.
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.
15. Is the preservation of the board and the board's licenses necessary to protect the public's health, safety, or welfare?	Yes. Continuing to issue these permits helps prevent harm to human health and the environment associated with the management of hazardous waste. They are also important for public safety as permits outline requirements for secondary containment and chemical compatibility.
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.	Not that we are aware of.
17. Any additional notes or comments the board believes the committee should be aware of?	I was formerly under the impression that this license would not be included since it is not an occupational license and therefore did not include it in the previous Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization submission. I have since discovered that this license is supposed to be included and am adding it here.