Question	Answer
1. Board Name	Ohio EPA, Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization
2. Point of Contact	Emily Johnson
3. Describe the board's primary purpose, goals and objectives, and licenses issued.	The purpose of the Voluntary Action Program (VAP) is to give individuals or companies a way to investigate possible environmental contamination, clean it up if necessary, and receive a legal release from the State of Ohio stating that no more cleanup is needed. The VAP maximizes resources and expertise in the private sector by utilizing qualified, experienced professionals such as engineers and scientists who are certified by Ohio EPA. These certified professionals (CPs) are responsible for verifying that properties are cleaned up to the levels required by the program rules. The detailed program rules allow these qualified professionals and the volunteer that he or she represents to do the work without ongoing Agency involvement. Ohio EPA operates a certification program to ensure that only environmental professionals with the appropriate qualifications and experience are licensed as CPs. In addition, to help ensure high-quality work, CPs must meet annual continuing education requirements and be recertified by Ohio EPA each year. The certification only applies to the VAP and does not limit an environmental consultant's participation in similar non-VAP work, such as cleanups conducted under RCRA or BUSTR regulations.
4. Describe the board's annual workload. How many staff are employed?	The certification portion of the Voluntary Action program requires 1 FTE of staff time to administer the certification and renewal process, and 0.25 FTE of staff time to provide ongoing training to the Certified Professionals each year. Additional funds are used to administer the other aspects of the VAP program.
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?	a. 10 new certifications annually b. 100 renewed certifications annually c. $2500 initial fee d. $2000 renewal fee
6. In the past 5 years, has there been any consideration to lower the licensure cost?	Under the last 5-year rule review in 2024, costs of certification were considered and fees were maintained at prior levels.
7. How much revenue is procured from the licensure fees? What does this revenue fund?	a. Approximately $270,000 in licensure fees. b. This revenue funds 1 FTE of staff time to administer the certification and renewal process, and 0.25 FTE of staff time to provide ongoing training to the CPs each year.

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?	No federal regulations apply.
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?	b. Yes, the program provides at least 6 of the 12 hours per year that are required c. 12 hours of continuing education per year is required for renewal. d. Both the program and outside parties can host continuing education. The program approves external continuing education courses based only on the content provided, meeting the rule requirements.
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?	No other states have the exact same program, and the program does not regulate the entire occupation. The program only regulates those in the occupation who wish to participate in the program.
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	No.

policies been adopted and implemented?	
15. Is the preservation of the board and the board's licenses necessary to protect the public's health, safety, or welfare?	The VAP provides a voluntary option for reducing environmental contamination and thereby improving public health. The VAP certified professional program ensures environmental professionals working in the VAP have the professional experience, education, and VAP-specific training necessary to complete the complex remediation projects that go through the VAP.
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.	No.
17. Any additional notes or comments the board believes the committee should be aware of?	None.