Question	Answer
1. Board Name	ODNR Division of Mineral Resources Management
2. Point of Contact	Nathan Moffitt; nathan.moffitt@dnr.ohio.gov; 614-265-6836
3. Describe the board's primary purpose, goals and objectives, and licenses issued.	The ODNR Division of Mineral Resources Management is charged with regulating surface and underground mining operations and mine safety programs across the state. They issue multiple types of occupational certifications and licenses to help support their mission, which includes the surface mine blaster-limited certification. A surface mine blaster-limited conducts small-scale blasting on industrial minerals mining permits. Authority to administer examinations is granted under 1561.13 (F), authority to issue certificates is granted under 1561.23(A)(10) with fees set under 1561.20 (A).
4. Describe the board's annual workload. How many staff are employed?	The Division of Mineral Resources Management has 92 full-time employees and 4 part-time employees. The blasting program consists of 2 blasting specialists, who ensure that certified blasters maintain the proper records and work within legal limits, investigate citizen complaints, as well as conduct examinations and the Chief of the division issues the issue certifications.
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?	Approximately 12 are issued and 50 renewed annually. There is a $10 examination fee collected.
6. In the past 5 years, has there been any consideration to lower the licensure cost?	No.
7. How much revenue is procured from the licensure fees? What does this revenue fund?	$120 annually. The revenue goes toward funding the administration of the 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?	No.
9. Does the board issue an examination prior to licensure? Does the board issue continuing	24 hours continuing education credit for renewal that is approved by the Chief.

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?	
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?	Several states have similar programs and there is a program under the Office of Surface Mining Regulation and Enforcement (OSMRE) for coal only.
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?	This certification is still issued.
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. The Division deals with many complaints related to blasting around mining sites and having certified blasters who understand the law reduces off site impacts from blasting.
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?	There have been no reports of blasting related injury in the past 10 years in Ohio. The mining industry has supported blasting certifications and regulation through legislation and rule development.