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 Foreperson of Surface Mines-Preparation Plant/Tipple Foreperson certification. The preparation plant/tipple foreperson certification covers the 30 CFR Pt.77 duties associated with the processing and loading of coal for transport. This certification is a subset of the Foreperson of Surface Mines. Authority to administer examinations is granted under 1561.13 (C)(4), authority to issue certificates is granted under 1561.23(A)(7) with fees set under 1561.19 (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. Certifications are issued by the staff in the Mine Safety program, which has 3 management employees and 14 bargaining unit staff. They are primarily responsible for inspecting and auditing Ohio's mines for safety issues and conducting safety training for 4000-5000 miners and mine site contractors per year. One component of their work is to conduct examinations and the Chief of the division issues the 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?	1-5 certifications are issued annually. This is a lifetime certification that doesn't expire as long as the holder of the certification is in good standing in the state of issuance. There is no cost for initial certification, but there is an examination fee of $10.
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?	Examination fees account for approximately $50 per year. These funds go toward 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	Yes, federal law requires certification for 30 CFR Part 77 duties associated with coal processing and loading for transport.

board to be renewed in some form?	
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?	There are no education or training requirements. Three years of mining experience is required for certification.
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?	West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky has this certification in some form since these duties are under 30 CFR Part 77.
11. Has the operation of the board inhibited economic growth, reduced efficiency, or increased the cost of government?	No, although there has been a decrease in individuals seeking this certification due to the downturn in the coal industry
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 goal of this certification is to prevent serious injuries, fatalities and surface fires, etc.…

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, this is a requirement of the 30 CFR Pt. 77.100
17. Any additional notes or comments the board believes the committee should be aware of?	No.