Ohio Sunset Review Committee
Agency Questionnaire

Agency Name "Oil and Gas Marketing Program"

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives

The "Oil and Gas Marketing Program" is officially called the Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Program ("OOGEEP") and is a non-profit industry funded education program with the following mission statement and mandates:

1. The promotion of a positive public awareness of the local oil and gas industry, and its vital energy and economic benefits to Ohio.

2. The development and implementation of educational materials and workshops in schools and public outreach programs pertaining to the science and technology of exploration, development and production of oil and gas;

3. The production of materials and training workshops for the industry and emergency responders;

4. To provide a factual and timely response to the public on questions, situations or concerns affecting the Ohio oil and gas industry.

OOGEEP shall utilize research, marketing, media and support staff as necessary to implement these mandates.

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff

There is a total of 5 full time staff employed by the Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Program. They include the following:

Rhonda Reda, Executive Director
Charles Dixon, Safety and Workforce Director
Mark Bruce, Communications Director
Ann Croce, Visual Communications
Debbie Quackenbush, Executive Assistant and Events Coordinator

No additional staff is expected to be hired. OOGEEP also utilizes volunteers, 2 teacher consultants, and 15 state certified fire instructors for additional assistance with teacher educational workshops and firefighter training workshops.

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding

OOGEEP's 2015 budget is $1.5 million dollars and future anticipated budgets are expected to be approximately the same.

OOGEEP is funded through an assessment on the production of all natural gas and crude oil produced in Ohio. That current assessment is $0.01 (one cent) per gross Mcf of natural gas, and $0.05 (five cents) per gross barrel of crude oil. Each year, an oil and gas producer, that has been assessed, has the ability to request a full or partial refund.

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any

7 Operating Committee Board Members.  No compensation.

Additional notes

OOGEEP is not a state agency and does not utilize any taxpayer dollars to fund its programs.