# 1<sup>st</sup> STOP CHECKLIST: MINERAL RIGHTS LEASING

# **REQUIREMENTS & REGULATIONS**

- If you will locate land and/or broker contracts for mineral rights leasing, you may need to be licensed as a real estate agent or broker by the Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing at (614) 466-4100. Information is also on-line at www.com.state.oh.us/real. \*Remember to check local government agencies.\*
- [] For information about regulations concerning extracting minerals from the ground or water, contact the **Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Division of Mineral Resources Management** at **(614) 265-6633**. Information is also on-line at <u>http://minerals.ohiodnr.gov</u>. *\*Remember to check local government agencies.\**
- Permits from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are also required. Contact the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for information about the proper disposal of hazardous and solid waste. The EPA can be reached at (614) 644-3020 for General Inquiries or (800) 329-7518 for Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention. The Ohio EPA is also on-line at <u>www.epa.state.oh.us</u>.
   \*Remember to check local government agencies.\*
- [] When minerals are removed from the ground, you must pay excise tax. You will need a severance license, contact the Ohio Department of Taxation at (888) 405-4039 for Business Tax Assistance; (888) 405-4089 for Tax Registration; or (800) 282-1782 for the Forms Request Line. Information is also on-line at <a href="http://www.tax.ohio.gov">http://www.tax.ohio.gov</a>.
  \*Remember to check local government agencies.\*
- [] Storage tanks must be inspected before use. Contact the local fire authority or the **State Fire Marshal.** The State Fire Marshal's Office can be reached at **(614) 752-8200** and is also on-line at <u>www.com.state.oh.us/fire</u>. \**Remember to check local government agencies.*\*
- [] Ohio's mineral rights laws can be found in **Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 1509.021**.
- [] The **ORC** and **OAC** can be found in your local library or on-line at <u>http://codes.ohio.gov/</u>.

# For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

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# **\*REMEMBER TO CHECK LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES\***

# THIS CHECKLIST IS ABOUT STATE REQUIREMENTS.