The Regulatory Program is responsible for permitting and compliance verification, enforcement and financial assurance of comprehensive environmental protection performance standards related to surface and underground coal mining operations. The Division of Reclamation administers Indiana’s Surface Coal Mine Reclamation Act following the grant of primacy to the state by the United States Department of Interior, Office of Surface Mining, in 1982. Half of the cost of the $3.4 million needed to operate the regulatory program is provided by Title V federal grants through the Office of Surface Mining on a matching basis. The other half is provided through a $0.055 fee levied on surface coal and $0.030 per ton on underground production. The Division meets its statutory mandates through an annual work effort that includes:

- Total permitted acreage in Indiana for 2018 is 387,732.0 acres;
  - 167,911 surface permitted acres
  - 219,821 underground shadow acres
- Inspects and monitors compliance on approximately 50,351 bonded acres on coal mines;
- Oversaw the reclamation and phase II release of over 4934 acres in 2018
- Approved the return of over 5319 phase III acres of land to the landowner in 2018:
  - Cropland 2342.10 acres
  - Forest/Wildlife 2326.00 acres
  - Water 380.60 acres
  - Pasture 205.16 acres
  - Roads 53.90 acres
  - Commercial 6.00 acres
  - Residential 5.80 acres
- A repository for $236,461,564.00 of performance bond ensuring reclamation of mined lands
- In 2018 the Division conducted 898 total inspections:
  - 319 complete inspection
  - 579 partial inspections
- We approved over 423 revisions to permits in 2018:
  - 368 Non-significant revisions
  - 32 Incidental boundary revisions (IBRs)
  - 10 Land use changes (LUCs)
  - 9 Permit Renewals
  - 3 Significant Revisions
  - 1 Permit Transfer
- Division issued 2 Cessation orders and 27 Notices of Violation
- Produced just over 33.5 million tons of coal
- A total of just over 1,605 acres were actually mined and another 234 acres disturbed

Coal mining contributes approximately $5-6 billion annually to the Indiana economy. Indiana coal production places it consistently within the top ten coal producing states. The
following chart indicates the tons of coal produced from underground and surface mines since 2000.