



## Decision due on Anderson Twp. mine

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**ANDERSON TWP.** - After deliberating five months, the Anderson Township zoning officials will announce Wednesday whether an underground limestone mining operation may be established at a 480-acre site at

If they approve the mine, the zoning officials will detail what restrictions will be imposed on it.

The proposed mine has sparked strong opposition among residents and in many neighboring communities.

The mining would involve daily blasting 400 to 800 feet underground and would bring 250 trucks each day to the site.

Opponents say the mine would threaten people's health, safety, air and water.

Officials of Martin Marietta Materials Inc., which wants to build the mine, disputes those positions and says the mine would pose no dangers and would be financially beneficial to Anderson Township.

The Anderson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will announce and formally approve the decision at a special meeting at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, at the Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Rd.


Martin Marietta has asked the zoning board to approve a conditional-use permit and variances from the township for blasting and for storing explosives underground on the site.

The board of zoning appeals has had this case since August 7, 2008. It's believed to be the longest-running, most time-consuming zoning case in Anderson Township's history.

Martin Marietta has recommended restrictions on its proposed mine that it says would address the concerns raised during the many public hearings that were held on this issue.

But the mine's opponents, including CABOOM (Citizens Against Blasting On Our Miami), have said they don't want the mine to begin operating under any conditions. They want the zoning board to reject the proposed mine outright.

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