Statewide Quarry Alert From Citizens Against Mining Regarding Sub SB 181

For those not familiar with Citizens Against Mining, aka CAM, the organization was formed in 2017 in response to the announcement of plans for Enon Sand & Gravel, a subsidiary of Jurgensen Companies in Cincinnati, to dig a 420-acre, deep limestone quarry in Mad River Township, Clark County, OH, just a stone's throw away from the 200+ surrounding homes, all dependent on well water. There are many concerns associated with deep limestone mining, with one of the most concerning being the possible loss of well water in quantity and quality.

CAM board members have worked together for 9 years, and it has only been since 2025 that we were drawn into taking our concerns to the state level with Sub Senate Bill 181. This legislation, concerning limestone and dolomite mining, has already passed the Ohio Senate and is now in the Ohio House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee. If it passes the House and becomes law, there will be statewide changes to Ohio mining rules for sand, gravel, and limestone.

The bill's supporters state that it took 3 ½ years for the bill to be written by both the Ohio Aggregates & Industrial Minerals Association (lead mining association in Ohio) and staff from ODNR's Division of Mineral Resources. Any guesses who it favors?

Yep! You got it! If this bill passes, the non-coal mining industry wins big! There will be no way to oppose the expansion of any existing mining operations. Operators will even be able to add land **anywhere** in a township or municipality to an existing permit. The land won't even need to be connected to the permitted land. It can extend partially into another township and be on land in any zone: RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL or AGRICULTURAL. Also new is that underground limestone mining will be allowed as an amendment to an existing surface mining quarry. The biggest news is that the legislature may still vote to pass Senate Bill 181 on Wednesday, December 2, 2026!!! Action is needed today! Don't let the thought of writing to an Ohio House member stop you from making your voice heard.

The Ohio House Natural Resources Committee heard compelling opposition testimony from homeowners during a hearing on Wednesday, November 18, BUT they need to hear from more Ohioans. Our hope is that the committee hears enough opposition to Sub SB 181 that they will not have the votes necessary to move it out of committee during this lame duck legislative session.

What can you do? Call or email the members of the Ohio House Natural Resources Committee and ask them to stop Substitute Senate Bill 181 from moving forward.

Your message can be as simple as, "I'm an Ohio resident. Please do not advance Senate Bill 181. It will remove local control and allow uncontrolled existing quarry expansion." Or you can add your own personal concern. Just make sure you mention Sub SB 181!

For more information on Sub S.B. 181 go to: https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/sb181

PLEASE ACT TODAY! If that isn't possible, send your message no later than 6 pm, Friday, November 27, 2026. Please share this alert with your friends and family across Ohio. Maybe be grateful we live in a country where we can voice our opinion and make the emails and phone calls a part of your Thanksgiving activities.

Thank you,

Your name and Address