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ANDURIL AT RICKENBACKER

Anduril Industries is a military technology and manufacturing company specializing in artificial intelligence (AI), autonomous drone and ballistic missile systems, data analytics and surveillance technology.

On January 17, 2025, [Anduril announced their Arsenal-1](#) AI/drone warfare complex, set to be built just outside the Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in Pickaway County, Ohio. Rickenbacker airport, its railroads and surrounding warehousing infrastructure would provide access to global markets.

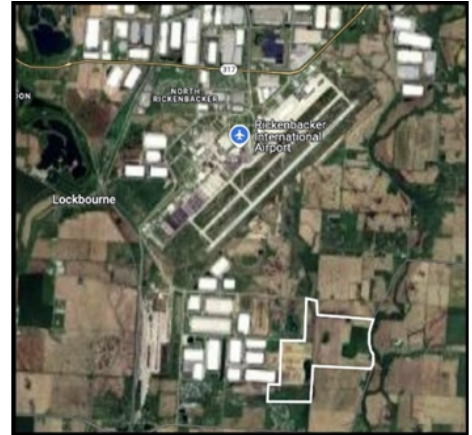
Behind Anduril – only incorporated in 2017 – is Peter Thiel, founder of PayPal, data analytics company [Palantir](#), and venture capital firm [Founders Fund](#) that is funding both Anduril and Elon Musk's SpaceX. AI technology innovators are now in the business of capturing the lucrative “defense” market.

It should not be a done deal! [Questions of land ownership](#), earthworks, and other irregularities remain. The military-industrial-government complex is overwhelming and overpowering local communities.

- **Anduril came to Pickaway County in 2023**, two years before its public announcement. Two weeks after the announcement, Madison Township rezoned an adjoining agricultural parcel for industrial use, despite the overwhelming opposition testimony from local residents.
- **Tax breaks and secret subsidies:** In January, 2025, Ohio gave Anduril a [\\$452 million Job Creation Tax Credit](#), along with **\$70 million** from the All Ohio Future Fund. Anduril subsidies have been put into the secretive [Jobs Ohio](#), which [handed Anduril \\$310 million](#) of Ohio tax dollars in July, 2025.
- Artificial intelligence and data systems are [automating democratic decision-making](#).

IS THIS “NATIONAL SECURITY”?

- **Unending noisy flights:** Rickenbacker's two 12,000-ft runways handle international air shipments. An Anduril facility would add an unthinkable number of flights.
- **Will Anduril test-fly their fighter drones** over Columbus, within the airspace of multiple airports?
- **Trains:** Rickenbacker has a large railroad system that uses Norfolk-Southern, the company responsible for the contamination disaster at East Palestine, Ohio in Feb., 2023.
- **Anduril's inflated 4,000 jobs claim** stretches over 10 years. Construction jobs, yes. Much production will be automated. Software experts will come from elsewhere.
- **U.S. taxpayers will foot the bill** for jobs and production systems, plus military-size profits for Anduril.
- **Worker health is a major concern** when dealing with toxic substances. A case was filed against Anduril by the **National Labor Relations Board** alleging violations related to *retaliation, discharge, and discipline of employees*.
- **Destruction of land, environment, and living systems** where Anduril AND its extensive array of suppliers will want to locate. The ever-expanding complex will cover a sizable area that has delicate wetlands and streams, forests harboring endangered Indiana bats, and Native American earthworks.
- **Ohio's rural communities don't want to be paved over.** Goodbye to generational rural culture.
- **Inestimable quantities of water** will be used. Locals get water from wells that would be subject to dewatering and migration of toxic substances. Ancillary data centers will use much more.
- **What will power a weapons facility of this size?** AEP is struggling to serve existing data centers.
- **Watch Anduril's use of energy** drive up Ohioans' electricity and gas bills!
- **Smog and asthma:** Anduril will add to Central Ohio's already dangerous smog and asthma problem.
- **Greenhouse gases** will be added to the atmosphere throughout all these processes.



Anduril site at Rickenbacker



- **Military madness robs funding** of real security needs: health care, housing, transportation, education, and other services like libraries and funding the arts that make for quality of life.
- **Anduril would be a prime target** for an attack, with an air base, weapons factory, weapons intelligence and military logistics hub. Columbus, with major military research at Battelle and Ohio State University, becomes increasingly vulnerable.

OHIO TO BECOME THE CENTER OF U.S. MILITARY EXPANSION WITH A NUCLEAR TRIAD

- 1) **Anduril in Central Ohio** would make **Fury** and **Roadrunner** autonomous air vehicles and **Barracuda** cruise missiles.
- 2) **The Portsmouth Nuclear Site** ♣ **at Piketon, Ohio** sits 60 miles to the south. The area is grossly contaminated with radioactivity from past uranium enrichment activities. Currently, **Centrus** is enriching uranium to weapons-usable grade – claimed to be for use in ***as-yet-unbuilt*** nuclear reactors – which can be easily enriched to bomb grade. **Mission Conversion Services** is processing depleted uranium for use in tanks and shells, with plans for dial-a-nuke bombs. **Oklo** plans to build 2 nuclear reactors and a nuclear fuel fabrication facility there, along with reprocessing of radioactive waste.
- 3) **Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton** is where nuclear warheads could be added to drones. NATO quietly held its Parliamentary Summit in Dayton in May, 2025, apparently checking out the site for the expansion of military operations in this already military-dependent city.

WARP-SPEED EXPANSION Since being incorporated in 2017:

- Anduril has industries in 13 U.S. states.
- **The Department of Defense (DOD)** has given Anduril a blank check totaling over **\$1.5 billion**, with opaque contracting mechanisms and lack of traditional oversight. They have sparred with the Government Accountability Office. Anduril Industries faces **multiple lawsuits**.
- **The Department of Homeland Security (DHS)** has poured over \$350 million into Anduril's autonomous surveillance towers along the U.S.-Mexico border. They could become a testing ground for broader domestic law enforcement, with disproportionate targeting of marginalized communities.
- **Lattice** is an AI-powered iron dome command-and-control platform that integrates data from anywhere – including drones, sensors, sentry towers, radar, and cameras (eyes on everyone). An **Iron Dome Defense Shield** was ordered to be built by President Trump on Jan. 27, 2025.
- **Hypersonic Ballistic Missiles (HBMs)?** The Russian launch of an HBM into Ukraine ignited frenzied competition. There is also a rush to develop missiles to counter HBMs. In January, 2025, Anduril announced a **\$14.3M contract** for solid rocket motors.



WORLDWIDE:

- Newly established Anduril UK is making deals with the UK government for attack drones in Ukraine. They boast 1,700 “members” – industries that would supply technology and materials.
- Anduril has a “Global Surveillance Export” to Kenya. What countries are next?
- Anduril’s AI drones, submarines, and missile systems will likely be sold to other nations. Endless war can be bankrupting, as well as world-destroying. The push of a button can devastate entire cities. Some missiles are equipped to destroy as many as six cities. When built, they cry out to be used. AI could also, terrifyingly, make the decision to launch.
- ***Geopolitical tensions increase as military contracts affect international relations.***

♣ For a **COMPREHENSIVE VIEW OF ANDURIL WARMAKING WORLDWIDE**, as well as details on Central Ohio, visit **Ohio Atomic Press/Anduril**.

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