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Mr. George Schwint,

I am writing to express my support for Food & Water Watch's comment on the proposed changes to the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit. While the proposed changes to the Permit are a step in the right direction, MPCA must also ensure that all feedlot areas are monitored for subsurface discharges to surface water and groundwater.

Additionally, I oppose the provision that allows for feedlots with anaerobic digesters to obtain coverage under the General Permit. Digesters are pollution hazards that incentivize larger feedlots and invite dirty carbon pipelines into Minnesota. I urge MPCA to require facilities with digesters to obtain individual permits with strict water quality protections.

These changes are necessary to protect the clean drinking water and pristine recreational waters that make Minnesota so special.

My full name and address below serve as my electronic signature, certifying my support for Food & Water Watch's comment timely submitted before the close of the public comment period on September 3, 2024.

By providing my full address, I am further certifying that I live in or own property in Minnesota.

Sincerely,
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