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My family lives next to the Long Prairie River. Numerous studies have shown that the primary source of pollution in the river is from field runoff which is loaded with phosphorous. Also the river is underlain by shallow aquifers that are used both by the river and by residential wells in the river valley. These aquifers are vulnerable to pollution penetration from the surface. The city of Long Prairie is itself a superfund site due to the damage of its city water from chemical penetration of the aquifer from the surface. As the climate changes and rain events become more intense, the river and the aquifers become more vulnerable. The additional protections outlined in the NPDES are needed.

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