

Beth Rose

Dear Members of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency,

I am a simple Minnesota resident. I've lived most of my life in Minnesota, though I've lived in California, Texas and Alaska as well for a while. The most disappointing aspect returning to Minnesota was the amount of nitrates in the water here after I returned home to settle down and raise our family. Nitrates in our waters are a real concern here in Lake Country, and I support the manure control measures the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is now pushing forward. My father was a dairy farmer in our area, and a developer. He helped our local County Commissioners to institute regulations of septic systems on local lakes to preserve the quality of our water. I'm proud of his contribution over fifty years ago in his prescient support for clean Minnesota lakes. However, now that I'm home, I hear about friends whose well waters are not drinkable and have seen the warning signs in local bars telling pregnant women not to eat the fish. The idea that the industry that supported our family could have contributed to the degraded water quality breaks my heart. But your job to stop future pollution is super important. Please continue to fight against industrial farming pollution. I see the changes in farming, and size really does matter when it comes to water quality issues. I doubt my family knew the impact their manure spreading had on the lakes around them, but we know better now and can do something about it. I want you to know you have my support on the changes in regulations on manure spreading here in the state.

Sincerely,

Beth Rose
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