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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Representative,

Thank you for accepting our comments. I live in Red Wing and as you may know SEMN is a region with a lot of karst geography. Any CAFO is a risk to our drinking water, and for that reason regulations must be scrupulously followed when a discharge event occurs and manure gets outside of the treatment system.

When permitting a large animal operation, in addition to water sampling and testing being done after a discharge event, this permit should require more proactive water samplings to ensure long-term compliance with the permit and to help ensure accountability. These permits should require water sampling and testing be done regularly around the permit holding site and where liquid manure from the site is being spread so that the agency and the public can know that long-term damage and contamination is not occurring. These permits should also require that new constructions of manure basins and new lands used for spreading must undergo water sampling and testing before construction begins or manure is spread to establish a baseline nutrient load for future testing to be measured against.

We need to be **PROACTIVE** in maintaining our water quality, not waiting for an accident to occur and responding.

Thank you.

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