

## Shirley Carpenter

Thank you for the chance to comment on this important issue, my name is Shirley Carpenter and I live in South Haven. I care about this issue because I care about our water and land for the future generations.

The following changes and updates that the agency has proposed for the new NPDES and SDS permits are important and should be addressed. Many of them are commonsense ways to protect our shared land, water, and communities from the harmful effects of CAFOs, and I want to share my support for these changes.

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 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.

I am encouraged by the steps the agency has taken to strengthen Minnesota's NPDES and SDS permits to help keep us, our communities, and our shared water and land safe. I hope that you can continue these steps and incorporate some of the much-needed changes I have shared here into your new permit. Let's make these new permits something that will protect all Minnesotans.

Thank you,