

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
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Mr. Peterson,

I am the president of Lester Building Systems, LLC, an engineered wood-frame building engineer and manufacturer based in Minnesota serving many market sectors, including agricultural operations in Minnesota, like Riverview, LLP. I am writing in support of Riverview's proposed West River Dairy expansion in Stevens County.

Through our work in the agricultural sector, we depend on a strong and stable livestock industry. Operations like Riverview's create consistent economic activity that supports local jobs, drives investment, and allows businesses like ours to grow and reinvest in our communities.

The proposed expansion represents a meaningful economic benefit to the region. It will generate demand for local vendors, support both construction and long-term employment, and contribute to the vitality of rural communities that rely on agriculture.

From our direct experience, Riverview is a professional and reliable partner that contributes positively to the communities where it operates. Their presence strengthens the local economy and supports a broad network of agricultural and service-related businesses.

I have had many opportunities to tour their dairy facilities and never cease to be impressed by the overall operation, the employees, and how well the animals are treated.

Projects like this are essential to maintaining a competitive and sustainable rural economy in Minnesota. Continued investment in agriculture ensures that local businesses can continue to provide jobs, services, and economic stability close to home.

No EIS is needed as the state environmental review process is rigorous and very sufficient. I respectfully encourage your support and approval of this important project.

Sincerely,

Mark Billstrom