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To: MPCA

Re: Riverview Proposal - WEST RIVER DAIRY EXPANSION-CAFO Proposal

From: Dixie Houser

Riverview is proposing to pump 226 million gal. of water a year - almost as much as 5,000 people of Morris, that's not counting the numbers of private rural wells probably effected by their proposal. We also know as a fact, they are already in lawsuits for pumping MORE than their application allowed in other states. Their proposal is well above the environmental capacity load.

Waterfowl protected areas are not only important for local economy but is important for migrating fowl on a global scale. It is also representative of the "canary in the coal mines". (what happens to the lower food chain happens to us) These NEED protecting for our own protection. MPCA's mission statement commits to "Protect and IMPROVE the environment and ENHANCES human health by monitoring environmental quality, planning for climate change and ENFORCING regulations to PREVENT (not just monitor) pollution of air, land and water. " Animal numbers has the effect of increasing climate change and Minnesota's climate is one of the fastest changing climates in the nation already.

Riverview has past and current problems in other states of not completing a truly transparent EIS (Environmental Impact Statement). Considering their breaking the conditions of their accepted applications in other states and their current lawsuits; residents from other states are warning Minnesotans.

This creates a monopoly of a mega company that threatens and creates the loss of family farms and local rural economy; causing damages that they try to mitigate by paying out fines and offering jobs. This does not solve environmental problems people will continue to suffer. You do NOT have to live in the area or the Minnesota River watershed to be affected by pollution of groundwater and the aquifer. Aquifers run much further than most people realize, affecting more people than just those who live near by.

I ask you, I plead with you to take seriously your mission and be proactive and not just reactive AFTER the damage is done. We do not want another Water Gremlin type problem that is far reaching.

Thank you,

Dixie Houser

