

March 31, 2026

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

ATTN: Charles Peterson

520 Lafayette Road

St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Mr. Peterson,

My name is Pat Ascheman. I am a farmer in Fairfield Township (Holloway), Minnesota, and I have worked with Riverview for many years. I am writing in strong support of the proposed West River Dairy Expansion.

From my long experience working alongside Riverview, I have nothing but respect for their integrity and the way they operate. Their facilities are well-maintained, clean, and organized, and their staff approach their work with professionalism and a clear commitment to doing things the right way.

I know manure management and water use are tightly regulated here in Minnesota. Riverview consistently follows those regulations – nutrient management planning, soil testing, proper application rates, and timing based on field conditions – and, in my experience, strives to meet or exceed those standards. They treat manure as a valuable nutrient source that improves soil health, increases organic matter, and helps reduce erosion, which supports long-term agricultural sustainability in our area.

Riverview is also a strong community partner. They support local farmers, create jobs, help maintain roads, and invest in schools and local programs. Their communication with neighbors and local officials reflects a genuine commitment to being a good neighbor.

I understand the project is under environmental review through Minnesota's established process, which provides robust oversight. Based on Riverview's proven track record, existing regulations, and the available data, I am confident this operation can continue to be managed responsibly. I believe the current review process is sufficient and that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not necessary.

For these reasons, I respectfully encourage the appropriate agencies to approve the West River Dairy Expansion.

Sincerely,

Pat Ascheman

Fairfield Township - Holloway, MN