

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

ATTN: Charles Peterson

520 Lafayette Road

St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Mr. Peterson,

My name is Jim Birkemeyer, and I am the Owner of R&J Broadcasting, LLC , a Radio Station that serves Minnesota's and North Dakota's agricultural community. I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed West River Dairy expansion in Stevens County.

Our working relationship with Riverview has given us firsthand insight into how they operate. In an industry built on trust, Riverview stands out for their honesty and transparency. We have always found them to be straightforward in their communications and clear about their operational goals, which allows us to collaborate effectively and reliably.

Beyond the numbers, Riverview demonstrates a genuine community commitment. They don't just operate in rural Minnesota; they invest in it. This expansion will create consistent economic activity that supports local jobs and drives the kind of investment that allows businesses like ours to grow and reinvest in our own neighborhoods. Their presence strengthens the local economy and supports a vital network of agricultural and service-related businesses.

From our direct experience, Riverview is a professional partner that prioritizes doing things the right way. Projects like this are essential to maintaining a competitive and sustainable rural economy. We believe the state's environmental review process is rigorous and more than sufficient to oversee this project, and therefore, no EIS is needed.

I respectfully encourage your support and approval of this expansion, as it represents a positive step forward for our industry and our rural communities.

Sincerely,

Jim Birkemeyer]

R&J Broadcasting, LLC