

March 27, 2026



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
C/O Charles Peterson
520 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Regarding: Public comment for proposed dairy expansion, West River Dairy, in Stevens County

Riverview LLP is proposing to expand in Steven's county (West River Dairy Expansion). I am a farmland owner 15 miles away from this CAFO.

It is important to study the impact of this expansion and requires an EIS. We who own land know that pollution from these CAFOs are impacting our ground water, our land, health and our communities. The Pomme de Terre River watershed is within 25 miles from its confluence with the Minnesota River, as an example. In addition, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources does not have a complete map of Stevens County groundwater resources and aquifers.

Accountability is the job of MPCA. Do not allow this expansion based on unknowns. EIS needs to be completed before expansion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Hostler".

Ann Hostler
Farmland owner in Big Stone County

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I grew up in Big Stone County, close to the farmland I still own, and am very concerned about the environmental consequences of this dairy expansion.