

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

ATTN: Charles Peterson

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Dear Mr. Peterson,

My name is Ty Feuchtenberger, and I am a local farmer, business owner, and resident of Stevens County. I am writing to express my support for the proposed West River Dairy Expansion.

Through my experience and familiarity with agricultural operations in this area, I have observed Riverview Dairy to be a professional and well-managed operation with a strong commitment to environmental responsibility. Their facilities are consistently orderly and well maintained, and their management approach reflects an emphasis on doing things properly and transparently.

Manure management and water usage are among the most highly regulated aspects of agriculture in Minnesota. Riverview has demonstrated a clear understanding of these requirements and works within established guidelines through detailed nutrient management plans, routine soil testing, proper application rates, and careful consideration of timing and field conditions. From what I have seen, their approach goes beyond simple compliance and reflects a genuine focus on responsible stewardship.

Utilizing manure as a fertilizer source provides important benefits to local farms, including improved soil structure, increased organic matter, and reduced erosion. These practices contribute to long-term soil health and support the sustainability of agriculture in our region.

Riverview has also played an important role in the local community by supporting neighboring farmers, providing employment opportunities, helping maintain infrastructure, and contributing to schools and community initiatives. Their ongoing communication with

neighbors and officials demonstrates a sincere desire to operate as a responsible and respectful neighbor.

I understand the proposed expansion is currently undergoing environmental review through Minnesota's established regulatory process, which provides thorough oversight. Based on Riverview's operational history, available information, and the protections already in place, I am confident this project can move forward responsibly. I believe the existing review process is sufficient and that an Environmental Impact Statement is unnecessary.

Thank you for considering my comments. I respectfully urge the agency to approve the West River Dairy Expansion, which supports local agriculture, strengthens rural communities, and reflects sound environmental stewardship.

Sincerely,

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