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My mind would certainly be more at ease about the Riverview dairy expansion if there was an Environmental Impact Statement prepared. I've heard good things about the quality of their dairy farms, but I've also heard bad things about water usage and aquifer depletion. Being locked out of the last public comment session that occurred in Morris, MN because the venue was too small for the public interest definitely made me feel uneasy because it made it seem likely that a representative sampling of concerns and supports couldn't have occurred. To me this reinforces the need for an independent assessment of the potential environmental impacts. I've heard some of the potential benefits for our community from the expansion, but the Pomme de Terre watershed is an important part of our local culture and our local environment, so it only seems fair to have at least a somewhat more comprehensive, independent third-party assessment of the risks.