

# Mark Tuls

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
ATTN: Charles Peterson  
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Dear Mr. Peterson,

My name is Mark Tuls, and I have over 20 years of experience in the dairy industry, including more than nine years as a proud employee of Riverview. I am writing in strong support of Riverview's proposed West River Dairy expansion in Stevens County.

Riverview has given me the opportunity to continue my journey as a fourth-generation dairy farmer, honoring what my family came to America to do — help feed millions of people. This work is not just a career for me; it is a legacy and a responsibility that Riverview has empowered me to carry forward.

Through my two decades of experience in the dairy industry, I understand the importance of a strong and stable livestock sector to Minnesota's rural economy. Operations like Riverview generate consistent economic activity, support local jobs, and drive investment that allows surrounding businesses and communities to thrive.

The proposed West River Dairy expansion represents a meaningful economic benefit to the region. It will create demand for local vendors, support construction and long-term employment, and contribute to the continued vitality of rural communities that depend on agriculture.

From my direct experience, Riverview is a professional and responsible operation that truly puts employees first. The company offers very competitive wages, invests heavily in its people, and maintains its facilities with a level of care that exceeds how many people maintain their own homes. Animal care is a top priority, and Riverview's standards consistently exceed industry expectations. Projects like this are essential to maintaining a competitive and sustainable agricultural economy in Minnesota. Continued investment ensures that local families can remain employed close to home and that agriculture remains a strong foundation of our state's economy.

Given the rigor and sufficiency of Minnesota's existing environmental review process, no Environmental Impact Statement is needed for this project. I respectfully encourage your support and approval of the West River Dairy expansion.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mark Tuls