

# Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc. (Evan Grong)

Please see attached letter.



April 7, 2026

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
c/o Charles Peterson  
520 Lafayette Road North  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Re: Riverview LLP – West River Dairy Expansion Project

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc. to formally express our strong support for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's approval of Riverview LLP's permit application for the proposed expansion of the West River Dairy.

Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc. is a South Dakota-based, privately held cheese and dairy ingredients manufacturer headquartered in Milbank, South Dakota, where we have operated since 1929. Today, Valley Queen employs more than 450 people and remains deeply committed to providing long-term economic opportunity for our employees, business partners, and the rural communities in which we operate. Valley Queen has grown in step with the dairy industry. Most recently, we completed a significant expansion project in 2025 representing an investment of more than \$200 million, which increased our milk processing capacity by over three million pounds per day. Looking forward, Valley Queen intends to continue growing to meet increasing customer demand for dairy products. That growth relies on a stable supply of high-quality milk from progressive, well-managed dairy farms.

Riverview LLP has been a trusted and valued dairy producer partner of Valley Queen for more than two decades. Throughout this relationship, Riverview has demonstrated exceptional standards in milk quality, animal care, operational management, and environmental responsibility. Based on our longstanding experience working with Riverview, we are confident in their ability to responsibly execute the proposed expansion at the West River Dairy in full compliance with applicable environmental regulations and MPCA permit requirements.

Continued, well-regulated growth within the regional dairy industry provides meaningful benefits to local and state economies while maintaining strong environmental oversight. Dairy operations generate significant economic activity across rural communities, supporting employment, local businesses, and agricultural stability throughout the region. Responsible expansion projects such as this one help ensure that dairy production growth occurs within a regulated framework that protects natural resources while sustaining economic vitality.

For these reasons, Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc. respectfully encourages the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to approve Riverview LLP's permit application for the West River Dairy expansion. We appreciate the Agency's careful review and its role in ensuring environmentally responsible development across Minnesota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Evan Grong".

Evan Grong  
Dairy Ingredient Sales Manager