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I think an Environmental Impact Statement needs to be required for the West River Dairy Expansion so that everyone would know the impact to the water, land, neighbors, and other dairy farmers.

That large of an operation would change the land and the water. The large amount of manure it would produce and being used as fertilizer could lead to nitrates leaking into groundwater.

There are several rivers and other waters in the area.

There would be risks of manure spills and there have been manure spills at other operations.

There would be excessive smell (stink) and it would lower the land values in the area for miles around.

Riverview has enough dairy operations in Minnesota already. It is already difficult enough for farmers to compete and this would make it worse, and be a detriment to the land and water.