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Re: West River Dairy Expansion

Dear Mr. Peterson,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Riverview Dairy expansion project located in Stevens County, MN. Milk trucks drive by our house all the time, one was even gushing milk out a left open valve as it drove by a few years ago.

The MPCA was established in 1967 under Republican Governor Harold LeVander to protect air, water, and the land of MN due to growing environmental concerns. Its focus is to prevent and reduce the pollution of air, water, and land. As stated on the MPCA website, the State of MN appropriated \$318 million dollars in 2024-2025 from the Clean Water Fund to various water projects in MN.

I think Attachment 16 MPCA Impaired Waters Map says it all. I see miles and miles of impaired streams, creeks, and rivers downgradient from the designated manure application areas for this project. I see two impaired lakes and two impaired wetlands in this attachment. The approval of this expansion will potentially add such lovely words as E. coli, Cryptosporidium, Eutrophication, and Giardia to this attachment. Do you know how much of the \$318 million was spent on investigating and cleaning up the waters of Attachment 16?

The job of the MPCA is to protect the environment so people can live in it. It is not the job of the MPCA to promote big business and agriculture. If the MPCA truly cares about the environment and waters of MN, then prove it. Require the completion of an Environmental Impact Statement for this expansion, the people of Attachment 16 deserve it.

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