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It seems that Minnesota's ground water is under attack from all sides. Mining, ai farms and big ag businesses. The quantity of water they will use and pollute is unacceptable. Can they treat and reuse the treated water instead of using fresh water? This seems like the perfect way to introduce nitrates into large areas of our groundwater . Will that mean users of groundwater in areas where waste is spread will need to upgrade their home wells or home treatment systems? I am also concerned by the smell. Driving through areas with huge feedlots really stink even in cities near huge feedlots by like Colorado going out of Denver and North Platte, Nebraska. If you're going to spread liquid manure over huge areas then huge areas will stink.

Basically I am saying that this does not benefit the community, small farmers or other water users. I don't think this would be acceptable unless they come up with an environmentally sound method to manage manure that doesn't contribute to nitrate contamination in local wells.