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I grew up on a dairy and hog farm in Chisago County Minnesota, graduated from the U of M College of Agriculture and worked as an investigator with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for 30+ years. During those 30+ years, I spent 20 years in CA working alongside of USDA meat inspectors. We had a terrible time with cull dairy cows and male calves being sold for human consumption with residues of drugs and antibiotics in their meat. Those large dairy CAFO's could not, or would not, monitor the various drug withholding times to ensure that the animals were residue free before selling them for slaughter. They had too many other concerns to worry about humans ingesting drugs and/or antibiotics.

The disposing of the manure on these large CAFO's is, and will continue to be, a major concern and problem. The ground can handle only so much before runoff into waterways and seepage into aquifers takes place. And it is bound to happen when you have manure from thousands of cattle to dispose of.

I certainly hope that at the very least you require an Environmental Impact Statement before final decision is made. Otherwise the permit should definitely not be approved.