

Prairie Pest Control (Alan Stokke)

My name is Alan Stokke, and I am the owner/operator of Prairie Pest Control, a company that provides pest control services to agricultural operations throughout Minnesota, including Riverview.

I am writing in support of Riverview's proposed West River Dairy expansion in Stevens County.

Through our work within the agricultural industry, we understand firsthand how important a strong and stable livestock sector is to rural communities and local businesses. Operations like Riverview create reliable economic activity that supports local jobs, encourages investment, and allows small businesses like ours to continue growing and reinvesting in the communities we serve.

Our company has had direct experience servicing Riverview locations, and we have consistently found their facilities to be extremely well maintained, organized, and professionally operated. Cleanliness and sanitation are clearly a priority within their operations, which is something we see firsthand while performing pest control services at their facilities. Their attention to maintaining high operational standards reflects positively on both their management and their commitment to responsible agricultural practices.

This proposed expansion represents a significant economic opportunity for the region. It will increase demand for local vendors and service providers, support both construction and long-term employment, and strengthen the rural communities that depend heavily on agriculture.

Based on our direct experience working with Riverview, they have consistently proven to be a professional, responsible, and dependable partner. Their operations contribute positively to the communities where they do business and help support a broad network of agricultural and service-related industries.

Projects like this are essential to maintaining a competitive and sustainable rural economy in Minnesota. Continued investment in agriculture helps ensure that local businesses can continue providing jobs, services, and economic stability close to home.

In my opinion, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not necessary, as Minnesota's environmental review process is already thorough and rigorous. I respectfully encourage your support and approval of this important project.

Sincerely,
Alan Stokke
Prairie Pest Control