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An Environmental Assessment Worksheet for a Confined Animal Feedlot Operation of this size is insufficient and an Environmental Impact Statement must be ordered.

The EAW is largely prepared with information provided by the petitioner and their contractors and is only focused on the CAFO in question. This casts the permitted activity in the best possible light and glosses over any negative impacts. An independent assessment that includes this CAFO, the other CAFOs in the area and the impaired waterways in the affected watershed must be performed. The amount of water that is requested alone should trigger an EIS not to mention the nitrogen rich manure that will be applied through the watershed. The manure is applied largely in the fall when it has the greatest potential to leach nitrates into surrounding wells and waterways before it can be utilized by crops 6 months later in the summer.

No one is against progress, but when industrial agriculture progresses to this size then it needs to be regulated just like any other industry. Thank you.