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* Massive water use: Riverview would pump up to 226 million gallons/year from an off-site well-nearly as much as the entire City of Morris (permitted for 300 million gallons/year for 5,000+ residents).

* Huge waste output: The facility would generate about 202.7 million gallons of liquid manure and wastewater annually, plus 26,400 tons of solid manure.

* Unknown groundwater impacts: The DNR hasn't begun the hydrologic survey or completed the County Geologic Atlas for Stevens County, so aquifers and groundwater resources aren't mapped—making it risky to permit large withdrawals now.

* Sensitive, already-impaired waters:

The expansion sits in the Pomme de Terre watershed, designated sensitive; the nearest waters—the Pomme de Terre River and a nearby unnamed creek—are already listed as impaired.

The project would likely worsen these impairments.

Advancing permits without a full understanding of groundwater and water-quality risks is irresponsible. It is critical that the MPCA require a full Environmental Impact Statement.