

Renee Konz

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
ATTN: Charles Peterson
520 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Mr. Peterson,

As a locally elected school board member in Morris. I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed West River Dairy expansion. In my time with Riverview, I have consistently found the company to be transparent, approachable, and committed to the communities where it operates. When questions arise, Riverview engages in open dialogue and welcomes community members to tour its facilities. This good-faith engagement gives me confidence that Riverview will continue to be a responsible operator as the expansion moves forward.

Riverview's business model is built on collaboration. Hundreds of local farmers work directly with Riverview—growing crops to feed the dairy herd and receiving manure to improve the fertility of their fields. This strengthens individual farm operations and helps keep them viable. Dairy farms like Riverview's also benefit our rural economies. In out-state Minnesota, where economic development opportunities are limited, this kind of sustained, locally rooted investment is essential. Through its investments and employment, Riverview has strengthened our local tax base, helped stabilize enrollment, and generously supported our schools.

Riverview has responsibly managed natural resources in our community, and I am confident that the West River Dairy expansion would be no different. Riverview is passionate about providing opportunities for people, and that starts with a clean and safe environment. I do not believe an Environmental Impact Statement is necessary for the proposed project. I strongly encourage the MPCA and other regulatory agencies to grant Riverview its necessary permits without further delay.

Thank you,
Renee Konz, Morris Area School Board