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Community members and advocacy organizations have raised questions about whether the impacts of an operation this large can be managed safely, including:

Manure volume:

18,855 cows would produce an estimated 285,000 gallons of manure every day — about 520,000 tons per year — nearly 40% of Morris's daily water use

Groundwater risks:

Potential contamination from manure storage and land application

Drinking water:

Increased nitrate levels that can threaten private wells and public health

Air quality:

Odor and emissions that affect the quality of life for nearby residents

Farm consolidation:

Pressure on small and mid-sized family farms and a continued "get big or get out" model

Cumulative impacts:

Multiple large CAFOs are concentrated in one region, with limited oversight

Market Saturation:

Mega-dairies like Riverview dominate the milk market, and expanding this facility would further flood it, making it even harder for small farms to survive