

Robert Rinkenberger

To Charles Peterson and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency,

Hi my name is Robert Rinkenberger, I have lived in Stevens County for 67 years. I live 3 miles as the crow flies from West River Dairy. You wouldn't even know the facility is there except for a little more traffic during harvest. I have been on the Township Board as supervisor since 1996. We have not had any major problems with the roads with the extra traffic during harvest. And what does pop up Riverview is easy to talk to and will take care of any issues that arise immediately. Riverview does an excellent job of odor control, manure management and keeps the site very clean. It gave me the opportunity to diversify crops, that I didn't have the ability to have done before they started West River. I have read some of the other comments and it seems like some people did not read the EAW for this project because their statements don't line up with what's on file. For one Riverview has been great neighbors to work with, although they do buy land, like everybody else, they also help smaller guys expand their land base. As far as the use of water, I believe the MPCA and the DNR have done their due diligence in protecting the water resources and quality. It also gave myself, my children and grandchildren the opportunity for supplemental income, such as hay, silage and straw hauling. Riverview also does many community projects and provide educational opportunities for many young people in our area, where they can learn all aspects of the business which is many. I am only a neighbor not an investor and I have no monetary value in the dairy other than I get the opportunity to work for them time to time. I completely support the expansion of West River Dairy. Thank you for your consideration and I hope they will get the permits needed.