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To the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency:

Enough is enough! Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations are bad for the environment, bad for rural economies, and bad for the animals raised under these conditions. As the state regulatory agency permitting and regulating these operations, you must do more to protect the people of Minnesota from this destructive industry. Is there no upper limit to the number of animals allowed on a CAFO site? Why are these operations getting bigger and bigger when the water and air quality in the areas near these operations is becoming more and more polluted? This is cause and effect and it doesn't take an expert to see that regulations are too slack or are not being enforced.

Regarding, the proposed West River Dairy Expansion I am asking you as an agency to demand a full Environmental Impact Statement for this project. I believe careful analysis needs to be done before issuing a permit for any Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation, but when the number of animals on an existing CAFO is going to be more than doubled a simple Environmental Assessment is not adequate.