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I attended the Public Meeting held by you last week in Morris, MN. I observed that the crowd was very polite and respectful; I was very pleased by that. The majority of the comments came from what appeared to be a well-organized effort by Riverview to pack the room with employees, and most comments were clearly scripted by Riverview to support the expansion. Those against the expansion, therefore, were outnumbered, and the comments were not scripted. The most meaningful objections concerned the threat to water quality and quantity, and the statement made by former MPCA staff that the existing regulations are not strict enough to protect the environment.

I was too unprepared and nervous about speaking in public that I did not speak. But I would like to emphasize several key problems with the expansion:

- 1) As proposed this would be the largest dairy farm ever in the state, which of course should trigger the maximum review available, up to and including an EIS. If you don't use an EIS for the largest farm, you would be negligent in your oversight responsibility.
- 2) Approximately 2/3 of the waters in Minnesota are polluted. Water scarcity and pollution are a huge problem world-wide; and all water everywhere needs to be better-protected as climate change, overpopulation, and higher concentration of industrial scale water use occurs.
- 3) Lastly the scale of this dairy farm means there is a higher risk of disaster, pollution, or diminishment of the water in the county.

I beg you to require an EIS for this project.

Thank you.