

RDO Equipment Co. (Jennifer Maleitzke)

Dear Mr. Peterson,

I am writing on behalf of RDO Equipment Co., which supports construction and agricultural operations throughout Minnesota, including dairy producers such as Riverview, LLP. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) prepared for the proposed West River Dairy expansion in Stevens County.

We have reviewed the EAW and note that it addresses the subject matters required under Minnesota's environmental review statutes and rules, including groundwater and surface water considerations, manure management, air quality, traffic, and other environmental topics within the scope of an EAW. The document also identifies regulatory mechanisms that would apply to the project through existing state and local permitting processes.

At this stage, we believe the information developed through the EAW provides a sufficient foundation for the project to move forward into the permitting phase, where the identified mitigation measures and operational requirements can be fully evaluated, refined, and enforced by the appropriate regulatory agencies. Proceeding through the established permitting process is consistent with state statute and allows for continued agency review, public input, and regulatory oversight.

For these reasons, we respectfully encourage the MPCA to follow the state's existing environmental review and permitting processes and allow the proposed project to proceed through those channels.

Thank you for your consideration.

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