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20,000 + cattle!
There were approximately 8,000 cattle at this dairy to begin with and they want to add up to 18,555 MORE. see FB post
"As of early 2026, Riverview LLP has applied for a permit to construct a new dairy facility in Minnesota that would hold approximately 18,855 dairy cattle, which would bring the total to 26,397 animal units
. This project is notable for being the first in Minnesota to hold over 20,000 animal units in a single facility" Face book

Just the Size of this proposed operation expansion should cause serious pause and REQUIRE that a thorough investigation be completed including emergency situations, WATER USAGE, WATER ACCESS, AQUIFER AVILABILITY, Affects on other Aquifers, individual wells, surface water quality in the whole area of Stevens county. Just the amount of water that this operation will need supplied to it ALONE SHOULD be enough to automatically require a FULL Environmental Impact Study on this Operation.
see below
If each cow drinks 30-50 gallons of water per day *26397 cows* 365 days in a year: 289,047,150 to 481,745,250 Gallons of water use just for drinking water for the cattle for a year. if it is really hot or dry outside the number can double to 60-100 Gallons. add washing water, cleaning water and possible irrigation for crops to feed all of these cattle from all over the place and this is a MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT possibly for the whole county.

@120-150 lbs of feces and urine PER COW/ PER DAY *26397 =3167640 to 3,959,550 pounds of waste to remove PER DAY-calculation done at 120 and 150 lbs. (source=dairyland initiative)

the proximity to the Wetlands, drainage ditches, creeks in the area as well as the topography on the area should also cause a red flag.

What has happened to water availibility in the area from the previously permitted well that is off site and that is currently being used as a water source for the dairy? Water Quality?
Do we know precisely what aquifer is being utilized for that well? Has the aquifer been thoroughly studied? (recharge rate?, aquifer size? Depth? extent?) How long can the aquifer sustain this type of usage? What will happen if there is a drought? have wells in the area been monitored for depth data or water quality? We have been having flooding also lately, what happens in a huge flood to runoff,this spring the county ditch system was overwhelmed and it took until late fall for some areas to drain off. Where will the manure and urine go if the tanks are full and they cannot get into the fields?

As citizen in Stevens county as well as a citizen in the state of Minnesota, I firmly believe that before the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency gives any permission at all for this facility they Require a FULL Environmental Impact Study. The effects on wells, sanitation, contamination and the huge number of animal units should require and EIS Study alone.

PLEASE do what is right and require a full environmental impact study.

Thank you for your time.