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As a resident of Stevens County I am deeply concerned about the environmental impacts that a project of this scale could have on my community, my state, and the downstream waterways. I think a full, thorough Environmental Impact Statement is necessary for a project of this novel size.

The GHG testing done in this EAW should account for the total number of cows in the facility, not just for the intended additions. An analysis of simply the increased number of cows DOES NOT equate to the total impact of the facility on water, land, and rural economy. If this facility needs 13,200 acres of farmland for manure application, this should be further looked into. The impacts of this facility will not just be within the confines of its property. I would like to see an EIS that takes into account how the 13,200 acres of farmland and their surrounding areas will be impacted.

The location of this facility is within the Pomme de Terre watershed, just 25 miles north of its confluence with the Minnesota River. The EAW does not provide enough detail into how this will affect our downstream neighbors from here to the Gulf. This EAW does not provide enough detail into how it will affect our water resources in Western MN.

As someone with dairy farming family members, I am also interested in this project requiring higher scrutiny for how it will impact small and medium sized dairy farms. Will this project impact the milk market in unsustainable ways? Will this project support local economies across the state in keeping their family farms afloat? What is the pattern of small and medium family farmers in Stevens County and the surrounding area?

I am also concerned about a facility of this size being granted permitting access without a full EIS because of Riverview's history of manure spills and water overpumping. This project will need 250 million gallons of liquid manure storage waste. I believe there should be scrutiny here to assess the impacts of this facility on communities, especially if these facilities have had already spilled their waste in our rural communities (Kandiyohi County). This EAW does not look at the impacts these spills have had on our communities. Riverview also just made an agreement with Arizona communities to pay \$11 million dollars as a result of their overpumping the aquifer. This EAW does not look at the impact this facility will have on water resources with enough detail.

A full EIS is required to better understand the impact of this novel and impactful project. As a resident of Stevens County and someone who cares about considering the future of our local economy and natural resources, this project should require a full Environmental Impact Statement.