

# Jennifer Zeltwanger

Subject: Support for West River Dairy Expansion

My name is Jennifer Zeltwanger and I've lived in Darnen Township, Stevens County for 17 years about two miles from Riverview Dairy. Our home is about eight miles from West River Dairy.

Based on our experience as neighbors, I support the West River Dairy expansion. No EIS is needed as the state environmental review process is rigorous and very sufficient. I reviewed the over 600 pages of documents in the EAW with input from numerous industry professionals and am impressed with the amount of time, effort, energy, and cost that has already gone into the permitting process to get to this point. As a fellow cattle producer, I fear the precedent that could be set by requiring a farm that has clearly already met all the requirements set out by the MPCA to obtain their permit to move into a new level of regulation. I respectfully encourage your support and approval of this important project and believe the expansion will continue to reflect the same level of care and professionalism Riverview has demonstrated time and again.

As very close neighbors to Riverview Dairy, we've been able to see how the dairy is managed and maintained in a clean, professional manner. Our house is across the road from a field farmed by Riverview for cattle feed and is on the harvest truck routes. Truck traffic has been handled responsibly, and local roads are kept in good condition through pre-season application of chloride for dust control and box scraping to remove mud or repairing as needed. This happens around all the sites in our county, including at West River Dairy.

Having the three local Riverview dairies has provided stable employment opportunities in our community for service providers, construction companies and other local businesses. Expansion at West River Dairy builds on this by bringing in additional jobs, families, and opportunities. Small towns like ours need growth to support our schools, businesses, and civic leadership needs so a quality business like Riverview adding additional passionate staff members who participate in the community is a boon for Stevens County.

After living near another of Riverview's dairies in Stevens County for nearly two decades, we have had no negative impacts on our lives (not on our well, our land value, our family, our community). In fact, I would say the opposite is true. Having Riverview's dairies in our area has brought more opportunity and diversity to our community and enriched our experiences living in the Morris area. I urge your support of the approval of the West River Dairy Expansion in Stevens County.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Zeltwanger