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I am writing to comment on the draft of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the proposed West River Dairy Expansion.

This Dairy, if the expansion is allowed, would be nearly double the size of the next largest operation in our state in terms of animal units.

The dairy industry is already, due to the presence of massive operations, pushing small and medium-sized farms out of business and off the land.

Though an Environmental Impact Statement is what is needed for the West River Dairy Expansion, history indicates that operators withdraw their application when asked to undergo one from the MPCA.

The sheer amount of water that would be allowed to be used from an offsite well of 226 million gallons along with the generation of 202,744,000 gallons of liquid manure and wastewater and the 26,400 tons of solid manure makes this operation's environmental impact staggering and deleterious to the adjacent community.

Barring no mapping of the Stevens County's groundwater resources or hydrological survey of the county this project must not be allowed before preparations are made as to its long term environmental impact.