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I don't live near this proposed project, but I do live in a rural area, and I grew up in a different rural area, and I understand what large animal confinement operations can do to a community. First of all, the animals suffer. Stressed and crowded animals do not give healthy milk. Air and water quality suffer. Kids can't play outside because of the stench. Property values decrease.

I am asking that the MPCA require a full Environmental Impact Statement for the West River Dairy expansion. At a time when federal environmental regulations are being rolled back, we need to step up and make sure that Minnesota remains a state that takes care of our lands. This project would set a dangerous precedent in our state. Rural communities deserve clean air and clean water and safe and healthy foods.