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I can't imagine that such a large operation is good for the environment or the surrounding rural neighborhood. You must at least do an environmental review. While I don't live in that area (I live in the city now), I grew up in west central Minnesota and my brother now operates an industrial hog operation on what used to be our family farm. Not only is it cruel to the animals to be confined as they are, but the manure lagoons reek and make living in the area so unpleasant. Plus the manure concentration on the fields and the inevitable contamination of waterways are a travesty to the environment.

I urge you to take a closer look at this proposal for the West River Dairy Expansion -- and deny the request. We need to move to more sustainable and regenerative agriculture in this state -- and stop these huge livestock operations!