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I oppose having this giant CAFO in Minnesota. These sprawling industrial facilities jeopardize our natural resources, animal welfare and public health.

The environmental harm caused by these massive operations is especially troubling. At Riverview's proposed facility, vast quantities of manure would generate significant greenhouse gas emissions and likely seep into nearby waterways, posing a threat to our state's iconic lakes and rivers. This risk is reinforced by Riverview's history of manure spills in western Minnesota.

That pollution also threatens the health of Minnesotans. Manure runoff can contaminate drinking water with nitrates, which is especially dangerous for infants. It also releases phosphorus that can lead to algae blooms, making lakes unsafe for swimming. In 2015, a child was hospitalized and a dog died after exposure to toxic algae while swimming in an Alexandria lake. Tragedies like this are preventable by curbing agricultural runoff.