MNDNR (Nathan Kestner)

MN DNR's March 17 comment letter had stated that the EAW did not consider impacts from the potential groundwater appropriation on the Pomme de Terre River. That comment was inaccurate as written - the EAW does describe potential interactions between groundwater appropriation and the Pomme de Terre River in Sections 12.B.3 and 12.B.4, including discussion of pumping restrictions intended to reduce impacts.

MN DNR's March 17 comment was intended to clarify that:

-Available aquifer test data (NRG, 2007) indicate that pumping from well 740629 is hydraulically connected to the Pomme de Terre River, and that a portion of pumped water is derived from induced infiltration or reduced baseflow to the river.
-As a result, groundwater appropriation at this location has the potential to impact river flow, particularly during lower flow conditions, depending on pumping rates and duration.

MN DNR is currently completing an updated evaluation of flow conditions in the Pomme de Terre River. This analysis will inform any permit conditions associated with application 2025-1502. Consistent with Minnesota Statutes and prior DNR guidance (MN DNR, 2016), any issued permit would include conditions designed to prevent negative impacts to the river, particularly during low-flow periods.