

# Holslin Family Farms (Amanda Holslin)

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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

ATTN: Charles Peterson

520 Lafayette Road

St. Paul, MN 55155

Hello Mr. Peterson,

I am writing this on behalf of my 4-generation small family farm, which is about a mile from the proposed dairy barn, which already has an 8,000 head barn. On a windy day, the smell is unbearable, I can't imagine what it would be like if they added 10,000 more cattle.

I believe that they don't just need an EAW, they should be required to have an EIS done, otherwise you will probably have one in your backyard someday too. If approved, say goodbye to water, roads and fresh air, that is just touching the surface of the problems.

Large facilities like this do not exist in isolation. Increased manure application raises the risk of nitrate contamination in groundwater, something rural families, like ours, rely on for drinking water. Increased truck traffic affects local roads that were never designed for heavy, constant loads. Odor doesn't respect property lines, and wildlife habitat that has existed here for decades is altered or lost entirely. These impacts fall disproportionately on nearby residents who have little choice but to live with the consequences.

I will end with this. Small, family-run farms like ours are not asking to stop progress. We are asking for accountability, transparency, and thoughtful decision-making that values people, land, and long-term sustainability over short-term corporate gain. I am tired of watching rural communities absorb the costs and pains while others reap the benefits. Something needs to change.

Sincerely,

Holslin Family Farms

Alberta, MN