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It is vital that the Riverview Dairy be REQUIRED to submit an environmental impact statement. It is nearly twice as big as any current operation in the state, and its environmental harm would be enormous.

Riverview would pump up to 226 million gallons/year from an off-site well, nearly as much as the entire City of Morris (which is permitted for 300 million gallons/year for 5,000+ residents). This is a massive water use project.

The facility would generate about 202.7 million gallons of liquid manure and wastewater annually, plus 26,400 tons of solid manure. This is a huge waste output.

There are unknown groundwater impacts: the DNR hasn't begun the hydrologic survey or completed the County Geologic Atlas for Stevens County, so aquifers and groundwater resources aren't mapped, making it risky to permit large withdrawals now.

Sensitive, already impaired waters: the expansion sits in the Pomme de Terre watershed, designated sensitive; the nearest waters-the Pomme de Terre River and a nearby unnamed creek are already listed as impaired. The addition to the existing farm would likely worsen these impairments.

Advancing permits without a full understanding of groundwater and water-quality risks is irresponsible. It is critical that the MPCA require a FULL Environmental Impact Statement.

Thank you,
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