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As a resident of Morris, MN, I am very concerned about the environmental effects of the proposed Riverview Dairy expansion. The project of such scale has a potential to negatively effect the environment in a variety of ways.

The proposed location is within five miles of eight different protected waterfowl and wildlife production areas and is part of the Pomme de Terre River watershed, just 25 miles from its confluence with the Minnesota River. A possible manure spill would be devastating to the livelihood of nearby population, farms, and wildlife. The changed landscape would also affect plants and insects habitats and may create a potential for animal and plant diseases spreading to nearby family farms and other small agricultural businesses. The consequences of building such an unprecedented project need to be thoroughly evaluated.

The project of this size must undergo a full and thorough Environmental Impact Statement. This is a matter of highest importance for Morris and its surrounding areas.

Sincerely,
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