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I am writing to say that the expansion of Riverview Dairy MUST have an in depth look. An Environmental Impact Statement must be required.

The questions of how to deal with the manure from such an operation cannot be overstated. The water usage is enormous . What will happen to groundwater supplies? The groundwater has not even been mapped in this area.

Minnesotans have been given rich farmland and an abundance of clean water. It is our task to be good stewards of these amazing resources.

Can it be possible to be a good steward and have dairy cows on this scale?

I believe not. I grew up in a dairy farm 60 miles from Morris. I am aware of the constant question "where will all this manure go."? With the incredible scale of this dairy who would believe this manure disposal and water usage will not harm those living nearby and beyond.

Groundwater supplies can be depleted quickly and recover very very slowly.

Smaller farmers are struggling to make a living, therefore smaller communities are struggling to be viable. Riverview can certainly not help either of these.

We need an Environmental Impact Assessment!

Sincerely,

Karen Neenan