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I am a resident of Stevens County. I am very troubled by the possible expansion of the West River Dairy. The size of the proposed operation is too big for our community. MPCA needs to scutinize the environmental, hydrological, pollution and economic effects on our community. This proposal by Riverview, LLP, must undergo a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Riverview has a recent history of manure spills in western Minnesota. In Arizona it paid \$11 million to residents affected by dairy water overpumping. The proposed Stevens County site sits within 5 miles of eight different protected waterfowl and wildlife areas and is a part of Pomme De Terre River Watershed, 25 miles from its confluence with the Minnesota River. A facility of this scale located in such a vulnerable area calls for a thorough environmental review.

The city of Morris has already a smell of manure from existing West River Dairy on many days of the year. Building CAFO that will hold over 20,000 animal units will make this problem worse.

I am against squeezing out small farmers and replacing them with huge dairy conglomerates. Small farmers know how to be better stewards of the land than massive dairy operations.

I am also concerned about water overuse and contamination of surrounding areas by millions of gallons of manure waste disposal.

In summary, I am calling for a full Environmental Impact Statement before the Riverview expansion proposal moves forward.