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I am commenting to express concern about the proposed Riverview West River dairy. This 18,500-cow facility would add to Riverview's already extensive operations in Minnesota, where the company houses more than 133,000 cows—about one-third of the state's dairy herd. Continued consolidation on this scale has contributed to the steep decline of family dairies, which are essential to the economic and social health of rural communities.

A single facility of this size also carries significant environmental risks, including manure management, water use, and air quality impacts. These cumulative effects should be carefully evaluated.

I urge the MPCA to fully consider both the environmental and community consequences before approving a project of this magnitude.