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Hi I am writing to express my concern with the riverview dairy expansion and request the MPCA do full environmental impact statement.

I was unable to attend the in person meeting due to it being full by the time I arrived before the start. I am disappointed that I was not able to listen in and gain a better understanding of the EAW and ask any questions. Thus I have had to gather information via this internet and the bias that come from those information sources. I witnessed many people not able to attend and gain more information about how the dairy expansion will affect the community both good and bad. Since we (as a community) could not learn I urge the MPCA to do a full environmental impact statement to better protect the residents of Morris and Stevens county. I feel more information is always good and taking precautions always saves time and money in the long run. I have seen this time and time again through my career. Taking time to better prevent an outbreak saves more time and money in the long run.

My specific concerns about the expansion is surface and ground water contamination. The more drainage tile that is put into farm field leads to more flooding as water moves faster than it historically did in the prairie pothole region of MN. I have concerns that the expansion will be part of contributing to this flooding as well as being affected by it. If manure or other contaminants get into the pomme de terre river that not only affects the Morris community but every other community in the watershed south of us. I would like to see Stevens county set a good example and be a good neighbor to those downstream from us. I also have concerns about how riverview will mitigate spills and negative environmental impacts. It's well know that leaks, and contamination will occur, it's more a matter of when not if. If a EIS is not done will this lower the responsibility that riverview will have to claim? I want to make sure that our environment will be cleaned up in the best way possible and responsible parties be held accountable.

Thank you for your time and for reading my concerns. I hope you choose to move forward with a full environmental impact statement.