

Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) West River Dairy Expansion

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Public comment information

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EAW public comment period ends: March 12, 2026

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Facility specific information

Facility name and location:

West River Dairy Expansion
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General information

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is distributing this Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for a 30-day review and comment period pursuant to the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) rules. The MPCA uses the EAW, and any comments received to evaluate the potential for significant environmental effects from the project and decide on the need for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

An electronic version of the EAW is available on the [MPCA Environmental Review webpage](#). If you would like a copy of the EAW or Solid Waste Permit or have any questions on the EAW or Solid Waste Permit, contact the appropriate person(s) listed above.

Description of proposed project

Riverview, LLP proposes to expand the existing West River Dairy 7,855-cow (10,997 AU) facility by adding an 11,000-cow dairy (15,400 AU) facility in Section 1 of Synnes Township, Stevens County. Cows will be housed in a cross-ventilated, total-confinement, free-stall barn and will use clay-lined basins with impermeable covers to collect and store manure and wastewater. Liquid manure will be land applied as fertilizer on cropland. Written comments on the EAW must be received by the MPCA within the comment period listed above.

Comments may be submitted:

- Online at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publiccomments>; or
- By U.S. postal mail to the following address:
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Charles Peterson
520 Lafayette Road North
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

For information on how to comment on the Solid Waste Permit, contact the MPCA Permit contact person listed below.

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Note: All comment letters are public documents and will be part of the official public record for this project.

Need for an EIS

The MPCA Commissioner will make a final decision on the need for an EIS after the end of the comment period.