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"This permit requires the facility to be designed, operated, and maintained to prevent discharge to waters, EXCEPT IN AN EXTREME STORM EVENT."

I have lived in this part of Minnesota for over 50 years. I know West central Minnesota gets extreme weather.

This facility, the Riverview LLP West River Dairy, will see extreme storm events and it will cause damages to the surrounding area. Just last summer in two days, July 27 and 28, the City of Morris got over seven inches of rainfall. When the storage ponds at this site over top, the storm water and manure will flow downstream to the east where just across the road is a large county tile drain pipe and draw that flows to the Pomme de Terre River less than four miles away.

Conversely, I have seen drought when the Pomme de Terre River completely stopped flowing and was reduced to puddles in its channel just downstream from this facility where the well is to be located to supply it.

An EAW (Environmental Assessment Worksheet) is insufficient for this site. The magnitude of this animal confinement operation, which will be the largest in the state of Minnesota, warrants that an Environmental Impact Statement should be required before a permit for this feedlot expansion can be issued.