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This is a revised comment from my previous one. I attended the MPCA meeting April 28. After seeing so many in the crowd who are a part of Riverview dairy, I have come to the conclusion that the dairy itself stacked the meeting and dominated the discussion, to the detriment of those who also wanted to participate- space was limited and many were turned away. I still have very valid concerns regarding the proximity of this operation to the Pomme de Terre River, which is already stressed out due to farm fertilizer runoff. I am concerned about the contaminants already in that river that, although they meet EPA guidelines, as was mentioned last night, those guidelines are out of date in regards to the current health concerns this river poses. The potential for an accidental leak at Riverview makes this a very tenuous situation. To make a leap from 8,000 to 20,000 animals without regard for potential hazards is foolish at best. Riverview has already experienced a manure leak at its Murdock facility, why is this risk being allowed here in Morris? I urge you all to fully consider the repercussions of this and make a decision that will benefit ALL residents of Stevens County and Morris, not JUST those who will benefit financially. Thank you.