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### **Gustavus Adolphus College Archives St. Peter, Minnesota**

### **Conflict Files between Gustavus Adolphus College and Northern Plains Dairy, 1995-2001.**

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**ABSTRACT:**

The conflict files between Gustavus Adolphus College and Northern Plains Dairy includes legal documents, judicial records, environmental assessments, environmental research, and newspaper clippings. The legal documents and judicial records make up the bulk of the collection.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:**

In 1997, Northern Plains Dairy, a feedlot for 2,500 head of cattle, was proposed to be built in Oshawa Township, within 2.5 miles of the Gustavus Adolphus Campus. Gustavus did not want the feedlot so close to the campus because they were worried about the impact of odors on the Gustavus community, so they sued the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) stating that more environmental impact studies needed to be completed first. In 2000 a settlement was reached. Northern Plains Dairy agreed not to build the dairy at the proposed site, and Gustavus agreed to provide \$15,000 for additional expert assistance to the MPCA and Northern Plains Dairy to develop an appropriate application of state-of-the-art animal waste treatment technology. Northern Plains Dairy built its feedlot 4.5 miles southwest of St. Peter in Oshawa Township, and it includes 3,000 head of cattle and an anaerobic bacteria digester system that combats the odor produced by the feedlot and creates methane gas which is harnessed to power the dairy.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

This collection is divided into three sections: legal/judicial, environmental, and miscellaneous. It is further organized alphabetically, then chronologically.

**RESTRICTIONS:**

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**SUBJECT HEADINGS:**

Northern Plains Dairy.  
Gustavus Adolphus College. Actions and defenses.  
Environmental impact statements -- Minnesota.  
Dairy farming -- Environmental aspects.

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