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I lived in a small Nebraska town before moving to OR 14 years ago. A dairy factory farm relocating from California misled our local planning commission to allow them to build a "barn" housing dairy cows next to the major highway entering Seward, NE. Their animals never left that barn or a second one built nearby. This resulted in frequent odor air pollution in our community from manure. A nighttime accident with an "escaped" cow on that highway totaled my van and could have seriously injured me or the driver. Most importantly, an unknown amount of water pollution from the facility went into the small stream that ran through the property near its waste holding pond. Factory farms degrade the environment by causing air and water pollution. A large scale dairy (factory farm) allowed in OR had repeated air and water quality violations. Let past experience be further proof that factory farms should not be permitted in Oregon.