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I am writing to request an Environmental Impact Study for the Central Lakes Region Sanitary District proposal in Douglas County, Minnesota. This proposal involves a buried large pipe sewer system and settling ponds, which would discharge into the Long Prairie River.

The potential environmental impact of the proposed CLRSD's sewage system are numerous and the concerns many. Among the many issues are:

1. An excessive amount of phosphorus that would be dumped into the Long Prairie River resulting in an over-production of algae bloom; depleting oxygen for aquatic life and making the river unsuitable for boating and swimming.
2. The endangerment of the Black Sand shell mussel which makes its habitat in the Long Prairie River and is listed on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's website as a species of special concern.
3. The endangerment of the Pugnose Shiner in Lake Miliona and Lake Irene, which is also listed as a species of special concern.
4. The toxic discharge into the Long Prairie River, which will have human impact on recreational users including swimmers, tubers and snowmobilers.
5. Through excavation, the endangerment of the state flower, the Lady Slipper, which grows in the wild along the proposed track of land where the sewer is to be located.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.