

AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

DAY 1 – MAY 20, 2026



TIME	SESSION			
7:30 am	Registration - Breakfast and Visit Exhibitors and Resource Tables			
9:00 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks			
9:30 am	Invited Guest			
10:00 am	Keynote – TBA			
10:45 am	Keynote – Anthony DeRosa, Executive Director, Association of State Drinking Water Administrators			
11:30 am	BREAK – Visit Exhibitors and Resource Tables			
12:00 pm	Lunch Networking			
	Track 1: Policy	Track 2: Water System Resiliency	Track 3: Emerging Contaminants	Track 4: Lead and Copper
1:10 pm	Fostering Growth through EGLE Operator Certification programs	Rate Studies - long-term financial planning for funding water and sewer systems	A Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division update on manganese in Michigan	Funding strategy, lessons learned and best practices for lead service line replacement in the state of Michigan
1:40 pm	BREAK			
1:50 pm	Local and state partnerships in public water supply oversight	Infrastructure Fatalism – Searching for a way out	Testing for removal of PFAS and emerging contaminants at Lake Michigan WTP	Ann Arbor water service line replacement program: progress and community engagement
2:20 pm	BREAK			
2:30 pm	Ten years of the Revised Total Coliform Rule	Infrastructure affordability through water utility technology upgrades	Investigative monitoring for cyanotoxins in Minnesota public drinking water	Traverse City's LCR lead service line replacement program
3:00 pm	BREAK			
3:10 pm	Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention: A hidden risk in our water supply	Digitizing drinking water sampling: modern tools for field collection and compliance	Emerging Contaminants Unit 2026: From PFAS to Microplastics	Lessons learned: lead service line replacements in a Significantly Overburdened Community
3:40 pm	BREAK			
3:50 pm	Emergency Response Plans (ERPs) for Utilities	Empowering water system management through GIS	Using FEMA's National Incident Management System to successfully communicate during water crises	Journey to corrosion control optimization to reduce lead and minimize unintended consequences
4:20 pm	Adjourn Day 1			

DAY 2 – MAY 21, 2026

TIME	SESSION			
7:45 am	Registration - Breakfast and Visit Exhibitors and Resource Tables			
8:45 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks			
9:00 am	Plenary Session: Your files are encrypted – Brandon Smith and Tarek Sassy, Michigan State Police, Michigan Cyber Command Center (MC3)			
9:45 am	BREAK			
	Track 1: Community Engagement/Partnerships	Track 2: Making the Future Stronger	Track 3: Water Source Protection	Track 4: Lead and Copper
10:00 am	Safe drinking water through effective communication: the role of well drillers, health departments, operators, and EGLE	Build up Cook: leveraging resources to drive municipal drinking water infrastructure improvements	Inspiring Action: Lessons learned from three decades of Source Water Protection outreach	Reflecting upon the 1 st year of the 12-ppb lead action level
10:30 am	BREAK			
10:40 am	MDHHS Public Health Drinking Water Program: integrating response, engagement, and support systems	Managing the flow of talent: water workforce recommendations from a GLC event	Source water management – how to operate an aquifer and manage the resource	Protecting our children through Filter First and EGLE’s School Drinking Water Program
11:10 am	BREAK			
11:20 am	ABC's of Watershed Education- A Multi-County Outreach Effort	Building a Skilled Utility Workforce: The S-License Training Blueprint	Allegan County Groundwater Protection Plan – A proactive, data-driven mechanism for collective action	Reducing childhood lead exposure through data-driven programs
11:50 am	Lunch Networking Exhibitors			
1:00 pm	From feedback to flow –stronger drinking water resources through community insight	Storytelling and engagement: building community trust through proactive communication	Source Water Protection – contaminant sources	In-home water treatment – relationship to water corrosivity
1:30 pm	BREAK			
1:40 pm	Building water infrastructure resilience in a village community	Climate threats to drinking water – a public health discussion and community-based solutions	Simple steps to writing or updating your source water protection plan	The origins, status, and future of Michigan’s drinking water advisory councils
2:10 pm	BREAK			
2:20 pm	Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division panel discussion			
3:40 pm	Closing Remarks – Eric Oswald, Director, Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division, EGLE			
3:50 pm	Adjourn Conference			

