



# 2026 MSTA Spring Meeting

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Location: GA Hunt Excavating and Septic Services  
1220 E. Taft Road, St. Johns, MI 48879

*Thank you to our event host:*



## AGENDA – (6 CSEs total)

- 8:30 – 9:00am Registration, CSE Sign-In and Networking
- 9:00 – 10:00am **Welcome and MSTA Board Meeting**
- 10:00 – 11:00am **The Dos and Don'ts of Responding to Environmental Enforcement Communications**  
Environmental permitting and compliance is part of the job for many septic trade professionals. Michigan law requires permits for multiple aspects of the job, from construction and installation to operation of septic systems, including pumping, treatment, and discharge. Unfortunately, even excellent professionals sometimes receive violation notices or other enforcement communications related to performing work without necessary permits or exceeding what is allowed under a permit. When that happens, knowing the best way to respond is essential to getting a successful resolution.  
*Dan Bock, Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes*
- 11:00am – 12:00pm **Preventing Roadside Inspections and What to Expect When They Occur**  
This presentation will cover some of the most common reason commercial vehicles are stopped, the procedures followed to conduct various inspections, and steps that can be taken to challenge violations listed on the inspection form. Also covered will be what officer demeanor and conduct should be and what to do if it is anything less.  
*Brett Black, Michigan Center for Truck Safety*
- 12:00 – 1:00pm Lunch and Networking
- 1:00 – 2:00pm **Panel Discussion: Running a Successful Septic Pumping Business: Lessons from the Field**  
This panel will feature experienced septic professionals sharing practical insights on running a successful pumping business. Speakers will cover key areas like operations, customer service, staffing, and profitability, along with real-world lessons learned from the field. Attendees will leave with actionable tips they can apply to their own businesses.  
*MSTA Board of Directors*
- 2:00 – 3:00pm **Site Visit and Tour of GA Hunt's Dewatering Facility**
- 3:00pm Event Concludes, Sign-Out for CSE Credits

- Signature required at start of the day and end of the day after the tour for credit.
- You must attend the entire day to receive all credit, including the MSTA Board Meeting. No partial credit will be given.
- Note: agenda speakers, title and timing subject to change.