

MOWA Convention 2026 - Duluth				
Sunday, February 1, 2026				
3:00 PM	5:30 PM	Registration Opens - (Harborside Convention Center Foyer - 2nd Floor)		
6:00 PM	8:30 PM	Welcome Reception - Canal Park Brewery		
Monday, February 2, 2026				
7:00 AM	5:00 PM	Registration is open (Harborside Convention Center Foyer - 2nd Floor)		
7:00 AM	8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast (Harborside Ballroom - 3rd Floor)		
8:00 AM	12:00 PM	Soils Review Session - Registration required. Room: Harbor Side 205		
		General Session: Harborside Ballroom - 305-303		
8:00 AM	8:15 AM	MOWA Welcome & Update, Rick Viita, President		
8:15 AM	8:30 AM	NOWRA Update, Chris LeClair, NOWRA President		
8:30 AM	9:25 AM	MPCA Update and SSTS Technical Update, Felicia Merkson & Cody Robinson		
9:25 AM	9:45 AM	Break (Harbor Side Ballroom)		
9:45 AM	10:45 AM	Keynote: The Importance of Building an Online Presence in the Wastewater Industry, Luke Eggebraaten		
10:45 AM	12:00 PM	Keynote 2: On-site Wastewater International Perspective and the Importance of Associations- Ben Kele		
12:00 PM	2:30 PM	Trade Show with Lunch; Roe-D-Hoe Trials start at 12:45 PM! (Pioneer Hall)		
Tracks		I	II	III
Room		Room: Harborside 301-302	Room: Horizon 203	Room: Horizon 204
Start	Finish	Open Forums	Track II	Track III
1:00 PM	5:00 PM	MPCA Exam Re-testing Opportunity, Location: Harbor Side 205		
2:30 PM	3:20 PM	Designer Open Forum Alex Pepin & Mike Heiman	What has been questioned at CE: a Q&A recap of statewide from 2025 Dave Gustafson & Pete Otterness	Understanding MN Earned Sick and Safe Time Laws with updates Alanna Galloway and Diana Salas, DLI
3:20 PM	4:10 PM		Commercial Vehicle Safety Jeff Shay, MN Highway Patrol	Sampling - Who, What, Where, and When Sara Heger
4:10 PM	6:30 PM	Vendor Show with Roe-D-Hoe (Pioneer Hall) Cash Bar and hot hors d'oevres provided.		
6:45 PM	11:00 PM	Social Event with Blingo at Hoops Brewery! - Join us at the Brewery! Cash Bar and hot hors d'oevres provided.		
Tuesday, February 3, 2026				
7:00 AM	8:15 AM	Continental Breakfast, Location: Horizon Foyer (2nd Floor)		
Session Tracks		I	II	III
		Room: Harborside 301-302	Room: Horizon 203	Room: Horizon 204
Start	Finish	Open Forums	Track II	Track III
8:00 AM	8:50 AM	LGU Open Forum John Otterbein & Mary VonEschen	From Permit to Performance: Bridging the gaps in Onsite System Compliance Lucas Caldwell	DLI Plan Review & Permit Applications John Roehl
8:50 AM	9:40 AM		Overlooked Safety Measures - Septic Tank Maintenance Hole Covers Chris LeClair	
9:40 AM	10:00 AM	Break: Horizon Foyer (2nd Floor)		
10:00 AM	10:50 AM	Tank Manufacturers' Meeting Room: Location: Horizon 205		
10:00 AM	10:50 AM	Maintainer Open Forum Keith Valento & Tristan Ende	Understanding Electrical Systems in Septic Services Brian Koski	Trench Safety for SSTS Professionals Madison Princivalli

10:50 AM	11:40 AM	Service Provider Open Forum Lucas Caldwell & Troy Davidsavor	Setting Time Dosing Panels Ryan Lashinski	No Session
11:40 AM	12:30 PM	Troubleshooting Advanced On-Site & Decentralized Systems Ben Kele	Panel Troubleshooting Tyler Parks	Neutralize the Risk, Meet the Code Jeremiah Brodie
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Membership Lunch - Harborside Ballroom 303-305 (3rd Floor)		
1:30 PM	2:20 PM	Installer Open Forum Rick Viita & Jake Bell	Using Modern GIS Applications for SSTS Industry Needs Madalyn Bollig, MPCA	Design Review & Approval - Is it a complete design? Pete Otterness
2:20 PM	3:10 PM		Community Septic System Rehabilitation Lucas Caldwell	Non-Sewage Waste Streams Alex Pepin
3:10 PM	3:20 PM	Break: Horizon Foyer (2nd Floor)		
3:20 PM	4:10 PM	Inspector Open Forum Chris Schiewe & Ryan Lashinski	Jimmy Lipps - Certification Questions	Taking your Business Costs Seriously Brian Koski
4:10 PM	5:00 PM		Using Low-Cost Software to Create Highly Detailed Designs David Guenther	Challenging Site Installation Rick Viita
5:15 PM	6:30 PM	Board of Director's Meeting, Location: Horizon 205		