



Newsletter

Western Michigan Chapter

February 2025

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This months meeting info:

Grand Rapids Meeting:

Kalamazoo Meeting:

Dates:

February 12th & 13th

Location:

**Canopy by Hilton - Grand Rapids Downtown
131 Ionia Avenue SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

Location:

**Park Club of Kalamazoo
219 W. South Street
Kalamazoo , MI 49007**

Speaker:

**Trent Sorenson
Striem Manufacturing**

Time:

**11:30 Social
12:00 Presentation & Lunch**

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Welcome to February. In January we had Brian O’Keefe with Oasis talking about water coolers. As I believe most of us are aware, the Michigan Filter First Legislation requires that all public schools and daycare centers in Michigan need to install a lead reducing filter by the end of the 25/26 school year. Therefore, you’ve probably also noticed that many of our major manufacturers of water coolers have designed more accessible and easier to maintain filter sections. Honestly, something all plumbing engineer is should pay closer attention, ease of maintenance.

As you’ve seen me mention a few times, check out [ASPE.org](https://www.aspe.org) to get information on the 2025 ASPE Tech Symposium. And are you still looking for your current CEU activity, or maybe need more CEU’s, go to ASPE.org Education section ([https://
education.aspe.org/](https://www.aspe.org/education.aspe.org/)) and you can search webinars, on-demand webinars and what they call “Read, Lean” Earn” opportunities.

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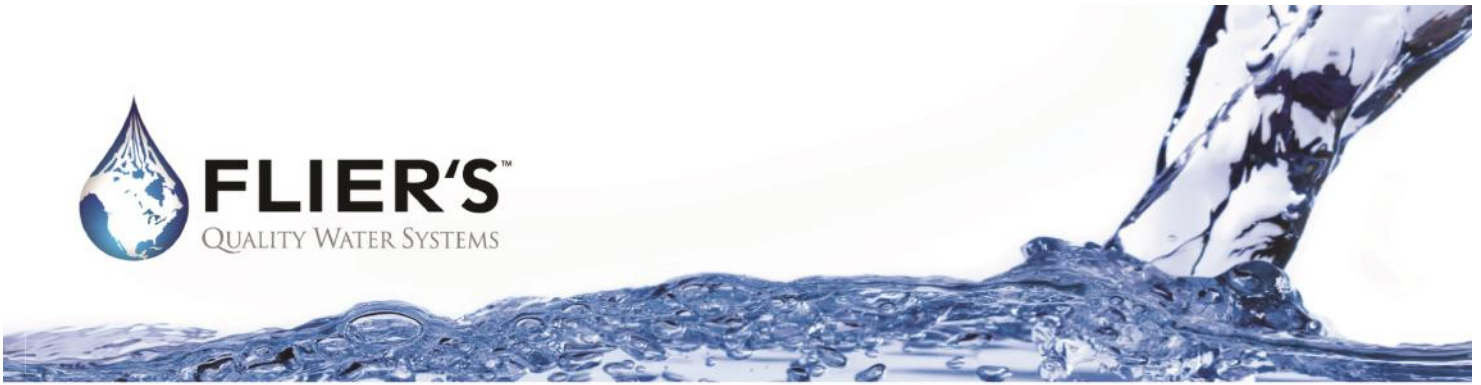
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VP Technical—Nick Von Myhr

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This month we will be learning about oil separation; when it is required, what standards do we need to conform to, and how to appropriately size the separator. Leading this conversation, I'm pleased to introduce Trent Sorenson with Striem Manufacturing. Striem, located in Kansas City, are well known in the industry for their durable and trusted product. Trent and his team are experts in the plumbing separation world, honing their focus into oils, sand, solids, and chemical waste. If you are interested in learning more about oil separation, this is the presentation for you.

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VP Membership—John Cassady

We are currently at 93 members in the West Michigan chapter. Please join me in welcoming Saksham Deshmukh from Eckert Wordell. Many of you have memberships that are based on the calendar year so please make sure your membership is up to date.

If you know anyone interested in joining our chapter, please have them reach out. All new members will receive a voucher for a free meeting, redeemable at checkout when registering for an event.

For those of you who have a membership expiring by the end of March, you should have received an email reminder from the national society already. I will send out follow-up reminders to you all as well.

When you are renewing your membership, please be sure to select West Michigan as your “home chapter”. Any “at large” members may miss out on communication from the chapter.

You can also update your chapter affiliation by logging in to ASPE.org, following My Account > My Profile, and editing your information.

If you have a coworker interested in joining our chapter, please have them contact me with questions about membership.

VP Legislative —Luciana Kayo

This month, we continue with part two of 2021 Michigan Plumbing Code updates, focusing on critical advancements that aim to improve safety, accessibility, and sustainability across plumbing systems.

Let's dive into the key revisions, including fixture requirements, water system improvements, and enhanced drainage solutions.

4. Fixtures and Accessibility Standards

These updates promote inclusivity and usability, emphasizing the importance of thoughtful restroom design in public and private spaces.

- **Fixture Count Calculations:** Designers must account for updated requirements for multi-user and all-gender facilities:
 - All-gender facilities in commercial spaces now require fixture counts to be calculated at 100% of the total occupant load.
 - Single-user restrooms and family/assisted-use facilities can now contribute toward the total fixture count, offering flexibility in layout planning.

- **Service Sink Location:** Service sinks are not required to be provided in each tenant space as long as they are located within 300 feet of travel distance and on an accessible route.

- **Lavatory Clearance and Fixture Placement:** Water closets must have a minimum clearance of 21 inches in front and 30 inches between adjacent fixtures without partitions.

- **Drinking Fountain Standards:** New provisions standardize the placement and usability of drinking fountains:
 - At least two fountains must be provided, one accessible for wheelchair users and the other for standing individuals. A single drinking fountain with high and low spouts is permitted to be used in lieu of two separate drinking fountains.
 - Multi-level installations must follow a 50/50 distribution rule between the two accessibility types.

5. Domestic Water System Standards

- **Water Heater and Temperature Controls:** Enhanced temperature regulation requirements promote safety in hot water distribution:

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VP Legislative —Luciana Kayo (continued)

- Water heaters must comply with standards such as ASSE 1082 or 1084, limiting maximum delivery temperatures to 140° F.
- Temperature-actuated mixing valves are mandatory for systems exceeding these thresholds, preventing scalding risks.
- **Hot Water Recirculation Systems:** Systems using master thermostatic valves must now route return lines to the cold-water inlet of the heater or the mixing valve itself. This minimizes temperature fluctuations and improves efficiency in large-scale applications.

6. Sanitary Drainage and Venting Improvements

This chapter includes notable updates to sanitary drainage systems and venting methods, reflecting advancements in materials and installation techniques.

- **Sewer and Drain Relining:** Two new sections, Section 717 (Relining Building Sewers) and Section 718 (Rehabilitation of Building Drains), outline approved methods for repairing aging sewer systems without full replacements. These approaches:
 - Reduce costs and project timelines for rehabilitation.
 - Provide environmentally friendly alternatives by preserving existing infrastructure.
- **Cleanout Requirements:** Updates to cleanout standards ensure easier access for maintenance and compliance:
 - A fixture trap or an integral trap fixture removable without altering concealed piping can now serve as a cleanout equivalent.
- **Revised Venting Standards:** Vent terminal applications have been clarified, improving functionality and safety:

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VP Legislative —Luciana Kayo (continued)

- Vent pipes on roofs used for recreational purposes must terminate at least 7 feet above the roof.
- Sidewall vent terminals must maintain a minimum of 10 feet of clearance from the lot line and highest adjacent grade. Additionally, terminals must include bird and rodent protection.

7. Encouragement for Action

The 2021 Michigan Plumbing Code brings significant changes designed to enhance safety, sustainability, and efficiency in plumbing system design and installation. From accessibility standards to advanced methods for drainage rehabilitation, these updates reflect the evolving needs of the industry.

Staying ahead of these changes is not just a professional responsibility but an opportunity to contribute to safer, more efficient, and innovative plumbing solutions. Whether by attending code update classes or consulting with licensed experts, taking proactive steps will help you lead the way in compliance and excellence.

Reference:

2021 Michigan Plumbing Code: <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/MIPC2021P1>



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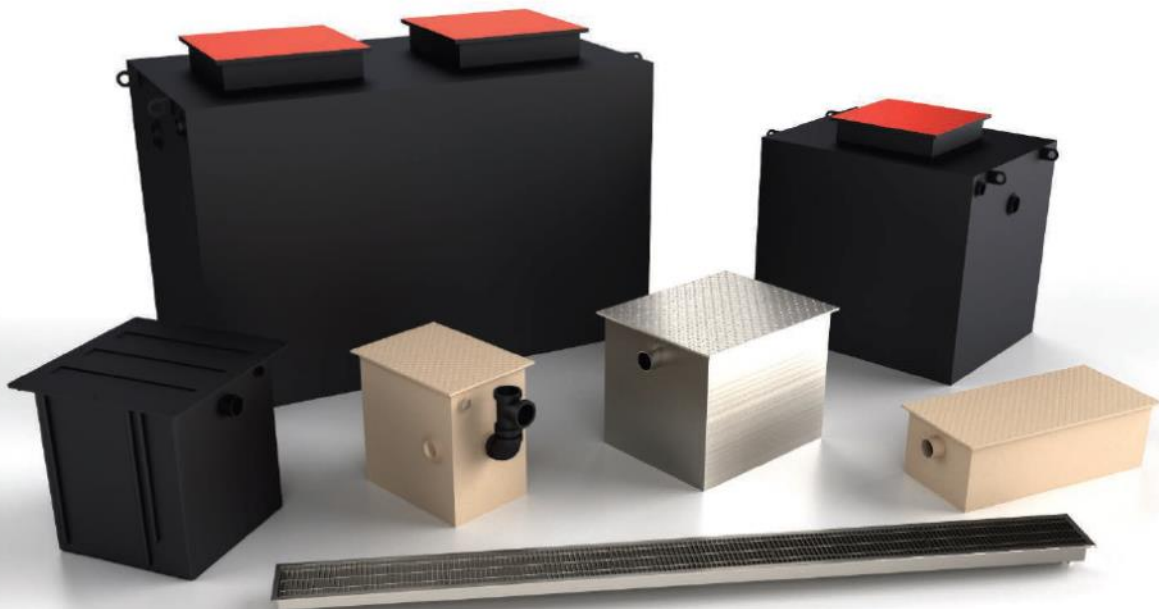
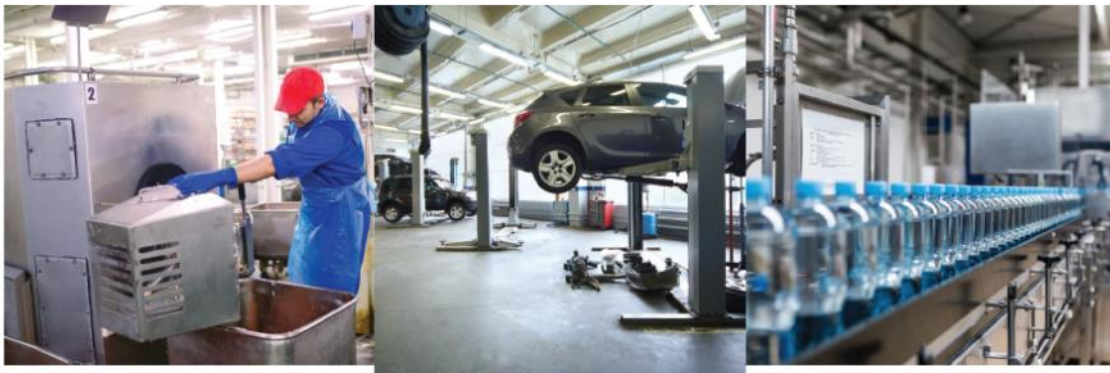
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