



2026 Great Lakes

Damage Prevention Conference & Expo

A CGA REGIONAL PARTNER EVENT
PRESENTED BY MISS DIG 811



Nick Andrus

Director of OSP Operations, Merit Network

Scraping, Barking, and Marking



Tues. 2/3



1:00 p.m.



Banquet Rooms 5 & 6

With more than three decades in the telecommunications industry, Nick Andrus has led both inside plant (ISP) and outside plant (OSP) fiber builds across Michigan and the greater Great Lakes region. As OSP Director at Merit Network, he oversees the planning, construction, and maintenance of critical research and education fiber infrastructure serving education, government, and nonprofit organizations statewide. Nick's extensive field experience gives him a practical perspective on how scraping, gouging, and other physical damage to fiber directly affects network reliability, restoration times, and long-term maintenance costs.