

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency CERCLA Education Center Groundwater High-Resolution Site Characterization August 7 and 8, 2018



Schedule of Events

The Groundwater High-Resolution Site Characterization training will be held Tuesday, August 7 and Wednesday, August 8, 2018, at the EPA Region 3 office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The training will be held in the Allegheny Room, located in the 4th floor conference center. The training begins each day at 9:00 a.m. Eastern time and ends on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Eastern time. Please plan your flights accordingly.

The EPA Region 3 office is located at:

1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19103

https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/visiting-epa-region-3s-offices

Please note: The training will be held at the EPA Region 3 office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; a block of sleeping rooms is set up at the Sonesta Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania which is located within walking distance (less than a 5 minute walk) to the EPA Region 3 office. Local participants can park in the surrounding parking garages if necessary. Parking rates vary per garage.



Sonesta Hotel Philadelphia 1800 Market Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103 Phone: (215) 561-7500

For additional information about the Sonesta Hotel Philadelphia, visit:

https://www.sonesta.com/us/pennsylvania/philadelphia/sonesta-philadelphia-rittenhouse-square

Sleeping Room Reservations

A block of rooms is currently being held at the Sonesta Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The lodging rate is \$159 per night plus 16.25 percent sales tax, which is substantially less than the prevailing government rate for Philadelphia in August. Reservations need to be made before **Tuesday**, **July 3**, **2018**, to receive the block rate. The rate includes complimentary wireless internet in your sleeping room as well as 25 percent off the daily valet parking rate. Access will also be available to the club lounge for breakfast each morning and light appetizers in the evening.

To make your sleeping room reservation by telephone, call 1-800-766-3782 and ask for the **CEC Training August** rate when making your reservation.

To make your sleeping room reservation online, visit

https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=56921&Chain=5157&arrive=8/6/2018&depart=8/9/2018&adult=1&child=0&group080618EPA.

You are responsible for cancelling your hotel reservation if you cannot attend. The Sonesta Hotel requires a notice of cancellation 24 hours before the day of your scheduled arrival. If you fail to provide notice, one night's lodging and tax will be charged to your credit card.

Hotel check-in begins after 4:00 p.m. and check-out time is at 12:00 p.m.

What to Pack for the Philadelphia Area

August temperatures range from 70°F at night to 90°F during the day. Please be advised that the temperatures in the training room do not reflect temperatures outside. Be sure to pack a jacket or sweater to wear while you attend the training.





Dining

The Sonesta Hotel offers the following dining options:

- ArtBar is open daily for breakfast, late lunch, and dinner. Grab and go breakfast options are available beginning at 6:30 a.m.
- Ruth's Chris Steakhouse is open daily for lunch and dinner. Reservations are recommended.

Many other dining options are available within walking distance from both the EPA Region 3 office and the Sonesta Hotel.

Health, Fitness and Recreation

The Sonesta Hotel offers several amenities, including a 24-hour complimentary fitness center which features a variety of cardiovascular and strength-training equipment, complimentary Philadelphia Sports Club passes, a 24-hour business center, outdoor rooftop swimming pool and an art gallery.

Travel Information

The Philadelphia area is served by the Philadelphia International Airport (PHL). PHL is located approximately 11 miles from the Sonesta Hotel. Additional information for PHL is available at www.phl.org. For participants coming from Boston, New York, or the D.C. area, Amtrak is probably the easiest form of transportation. Philadelphia's main station (30th Street Station) is about 1 mile from the hotel.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is located in the Eastern Time Zone.

Ground Transportation

For information on shuttle and taxi service from PHL to the Sonesta Hotel, please visit http://www.phl.org/Pages/Passengerinfo/TransportationServices/taxi.aspx.

SEPTA Train: The SEPTA Regional Rail "R-1train" runs from the airport to center city Philadelphia. Take any R-1 train and get off at the Suburban Station stop (16th and JFK Boulevard). Fare is about \$7 which you can pay on the train. Exit the train and go up to the concourse level. Walk through the concourse to exit onto 17th Street. Head south on 17th Street towards Market Street. Turn left (west) on Market Street. The hotel is located at 18th and Market Street and will be on your left (approximately 2 blocks).

From Philadelphia Amtrak 30th Street Station: Philadelphia's historic train station is located about 1 mile (20 minutes walking) from the Sonesta Hotel. Taxi fare to and from the hotel and the 30th Street Station is approximately \$10. Walking directions:

- Proceed to JFK Parkway and walk toward the city until you reach 18th Street.
- Turn right on 18th Street and walk to Market Street; the hotel will be on the right.

Taxi: Taxi fare between PHL and the hotel is approximately \$30 each way, not including gratuity.

Hotel Parking: Valet parking is available at the hotel for \$46 per night with in and out privileges. Included in the room rate is 25 percent off the parking rate.



Walking Directions to EPA Region 3 from the Sonesta Hotel Philadelphia

Approximately 0.3 miles, 5 minutes

- Head east on Market Street.
- Make a left on 17th Street.
- The EPA will be on the right side of the street at 17th & Arch Street (EPA building is green-colored glass with a white metal structure).

