
Schedule of Events

The *Preliminary Assessment and Site Inspection (PA/SI)* training course will be held Tuesday, August 1, through Thursday, August 3, 2023, at the EPA Region 5 office in Chicago, Illinois. The training begins at 8:30 a.m. local time on Tuesday and ends at 3:30 p.m. local time on Thursday. The training is in the Illinois Room in the 12th floor conference center. Please plan your travel accordingly.

The EPA Region 5 office is located at:
Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Please note: The training will be held at the EPA Region 5 office in Chicago, Illinois. A sleeping room block has been established at The Palmer House Hotel, which is located approximately 0.4 miles from the EPA Region 5 building. For those driving to the training, parking is available in nearby garages with limited metered street parking. Rates for the garages vary.

The Palmer House

The Palmer House Hilton Hotel
17 East Monroe Street
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Phone: (312) 726-7500



A block of rooms has been reserved at the Palmer House in Chicago, Illinois. The lodging rate is \$187 per night plus tax.

Reservations need to be made before **Tuesday, July 11, 2023**, to receive the block rate. To make your reservation by phone, call (312) 726-7500 and ask for the **PA/SI Room Block**. To make your reservation online, please visit <https://book.passkey.com/go/epapasi>.

You are responsible for cancelling your hotel reservation if you cannot attend. **The Palmer House requires a notice of cancellation 24 hours prior to 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 3:00 p.m., and check-out time is at 11:00 a.m.

What to Pack for the Chicago Area

Average temperatures for the Chicago area in August range from 70°F to 81°F. Please be advised that temperatures in the training room do not reflect temperatures outside. Be sure to pack a light jacket or sweater to wear while you attend the training.

Dining and Amenities

The Palmer House offers the following dining options and amenities:

- ❖ Lockwood Express is currently open from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., serving a limited menu of take-away items.
- ❖ Lockwood Restaurant is open for breakfast and lunch from 6:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- ❖ Potters Burger Bar is open for dining Wednesday through Sunday from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- ❖ Located in downtown Chicago, steps away from numerous dining options and food delivery services.
- ❖ Complimentary fitness center and indoor pool available 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- ❖ Complimentary Wi-Fi access in guest rooms.

Travel Information

The Chicago area is served by the Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD) and the Midway International Airport (MDW). ORD is located approximately 18 miles from downtown Chicago. MDW is located approximately 12 miles from downtown Chicago.

Additional information about both airports is available at <https://www.flychicago.com/>.

Chicago, Illinois is in the Central Time Zone.

Ground Transportation

Public Transportation: The Chicago "L" train provides access to downtown Chicago from both airports. Trains leave ORD every 15 minutes, and the ride is approximately 45 minutes each way. Trains leave MDW every 15 minutes, and the ride is approximately 35 minutes each way. Fares are \$2.50 one way (except from ORD, which is \$5 one way). The Orange Line "L" from MDW operates Monday through Friday, 3:30 a.m. to 1:05 a.m., Saturdays from 4:00 a.m. to 1:05 a.m., and Sunday and holidays, 4:30 a.m. to 1:05 a.m. The Blue Line "L" from ORD operates 24 hours a day. Additional information about the Chicago "L" is available at <http://www.transitchicago.com>.

Directions from ORD to the Palmer House using the Blue Line "L":

- ❖ At ORD, follow signs for CTA Trains to City.
- ❖ Board the Blue Line "L" toward Forest Park. The Blue Line is the only train in operation at ORD.
- ❖ Exit at the Monroe stop (this stop is about two blocks from the hotel).
- ❖ From the Monroe stop, head north on South Dearborn Street toward West Monroe Street.
- ❖ Turn right onto West Monroe Street; the Palmer House will be on the south side of the street.

Directions from MDW to Palmer House using the Orange Line "L":

- ❖ At MDW, follow signs for CTA Trains to City.
- ❖ Board the Orange Line "L" toward the Loop. The Orange Line is the only train in operation at MDW.
- ❖ Exit at the Adams/Wabash stop (this stop is about one block from the hotel).
- ❖ Exit the stop and head north on Wabash Avenue; the Palmer House will be on the west side of Wabash Avenue.

Shared Shuttle Service: Go Airport Express provides Shuttle Service between ORD and MDW to most Chicago hotels. Fares from ORD to the Palmer House are about \$80 one way, not including gratuity. Fares from MDW to the Palmer House are about \$60 one way, not including gratuity. Additional information is available at http://www.airportexpress.com/service_to_from_hotels.

Shared Ride Service: Uber and Lyft offer transportation to and from both airports to the Palmer House. Rides from ORD to the Palmer House are between \$50 to \$60 one way, depending on the time of day and not including gratuity. Rides from MDW to the Palmer House are between \$40 to \$50 one way, depending on the time of day and not including gratuity.

Taxi fare: Taxi fare between ORD and the hotel is approximately \$65 one way, not including gratuity. Taxi fare between MDW and the hotel is approximately \$45 one way, not including gratuity.

Parking: The Palmer House offers self-parking at the hotel for \$55 per day, as well as self-parking located at the 55 East Monroe Garage, for \$55 per day. Valet parking is available at the hotel for \$82 per day.

Walking Directions from Palmer House to EPA Region 5

0.4 miles, approximately 8-minute walk

- ❖ Head west on East Monroe Street toward South State Street
- ❖ Turn left onto South State Street
- ❖ Turn right onto West Jackson Boulevard
- ❖ Walk about two blocks and EPA Region 5 will be on your left at the southeast corner of South Clark Street and West Jackson Boulevard



Palmer House Hilton Hotel



