Schedule of Events

The *OSC 201* training will be held Monday to Tuesday, August 24 to August 25, 2026, in the Illinois room on the 12th floor of the EPA Region 5 office in Chicago, IL. The training begins each day at 8:30 a.m. Central time and ends at 5:00 p.m. on Monday and 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday. 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
https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-5

Please note: The training will be held at the EPA Region 5 building in Chicago, IL; a sleeping room block has been established at the Palmer House Hotel, in Chicago, IL.

There are several parking lots near the EPA Region 5 building, all at varied rates.

Palmer House Hotel, Chicago, IL

Palmer House Hotel
17 E Monroe St,
Chicago, IL 60603
Phone: (312) 726-7500

Sleeping Room Reservations

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Palmer House Hotel in Chicago. The lodging rate is $202 per night plus sales tax. Reservations need to be made before **August 3, 2026,** to receive the rate.

The rate includes complimentary wireless internet in guest rooms.

To make your sleeping room reservation, please visit:
https://book.passkey.com/go/OSCWTTDEPA

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

The hotel offers self-parking for $57.00 plus tax per day and $85 for valet parking.

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 in August range from 63°F at night to 83°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 hotel includes a bar, restaurant, and coffeeshop in the lobby, other restaurant options are nearby.

Travel Information

The Chicago area is served by O'Hare International Airport (ORD), and Chicago Midway International Airport (MDW).

Chicago, IL, is in the Central Time Zone.

Ground Transportation

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) provides access to downtown Chicago from O'Hare Airport via the Blue Line train, which runs 24/7 and takes approximately 45 minutes to reach the Loop. From Midway Airport, the Orange Line train connects to downtown in about 25 minutes. Additional information about the CTA is available at www.transitchicago.com

Taxi fare from O'Hare to downtown Chicago is metered and typically ranges from $35 to $50, not including tolls, peak-time surcharges, or gratuity. Taxi fare from Midway to downtown ranges from $30 to $40 under similar conditions.

Parking is available at InterPark – South Look located at 318 South Federal Street. The garage is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and costs $25 for 24 hours.

Walking Directions to EPA Region 5 from the Palmer House Hotel

Approximately 0.1 miles, 3 minutes:

- Head east on E Monroe St.
- Turn Left onto S State St.
- Turn right on West Jackson Boulevard, the EPA building will be on your left at the corner of S Clark St and W Jackson Blvd.

