



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Oilfield Production Facility Training

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NATCO Education Center, Midland, TX



Logistics

Training Site

The training facility is located west of Midland, about half-way between Midland and Odessa, and just north of the Midland International Airport off of Farm-to-Market Road (FM)1788. The facility is approximately 4 miles north of the airport, and 15 miles west of the hotel.

NATCO Education Center
4200 N. FM 1788 Bld. C
Midland, TX

432-563-3287 (office)
432-563-0965 (fax)

Participants are encouraged to arrange for rental cars for transportation to and from the training site.

Training Costs

The normal class registration fee for EPA employees will be paid by Oil Program Headquarters; however, all travel expenses must be covered by each participant's regional office. Travelers are encouraged to assign per diem and hotel costs to the training object class on their TA.

NOWCC staff and EPA contractors must cover their own registration fee (\$325).

Please also note that the training site is in a remote area and not convenient to restaurants. Participants have the option of spending \$10.00 per person per day for a catered lunch. Participants who wish to partake of this option should plan to pay NATCO with a credit card or check.

Airport

The Midland/Odessa area is served by the Midland International Airport, which is served by American Airlines, Continental Airlines, and Southwest Airlines. It is located about half way between Midland and Odessa.

Hotel Accommodations

A block of rooms has been reserved in downtown Midland at:

Midland Hilton Towers
117 West Wall St.
Midland, TX 79701

432-683-6131 (phone)
432-683-0958 (fax)

The cost for a room is at the government rate of \$60.00 per night. Participants must call the hotel and make their own reservations. Participants must pay their own lodging and reserve a room with a credit card. The hotel will accept tax exempt forms. If participants cancel their room reservation, they must do so at least 72 hours in advance, or incur a one-night fee. The hotel will provide each person with a

coupon each day for \$7 off of the price of a full hot breakfast buffet (the normal buffet price is \$9.95). Parking is free at the hotel. The Hilton has a full service restaurant and bar, as well as a workout room and exercise equipment.

Directions to Hotel from Airport

The airport is 10 miles from the hotel. When exiting the airport, go east (left) on Business 20. Business 20 becomes Wall and the hotel is located at 117 West Wall. Drive time is approximately 15 minutes.

Also, the hotel offers a shuttle service from the airport. There is a phone station located at the airport; call from there and the hotel will send the shuttle for pick-up.

Directions from Hotel to Training Site

Start out going West on Wall Street (toward N. Loraine Street). Turn right onto TX-158 BR W/Andrews Highway. TX-158 BR W becomes TX-191 W. Take the exit toward FM-1788/Midland International Airport, making a slight right onto N FM 1788. Total distance is approximately 13 miles, with a drive time of about 25 minutes.

Area Transportation

For transportation to the NATCO training facility and hotel, participants will have to provide their own transportation such as rental cars or taxi. Participants from each EPA Region are encouraged to arrange for a rental car to share, due to the distances involved. Midland is served by many of the major rental car companies. Rental car companies located at the airport are as follows:

Advantage 432-563-0065 1-800-777-5500	Avis 432-563-0910 1-800-831-2847	Budget 432-563-1640 1-800-527-0770	Dollar 432-563-1820 1-800-800-4000
Hertz 432-563-0110 1-800-654-3131	National 432-563-0378 1-800-227-7368	Thrifty 432-563-1770 1-800-367-2277	

The Hilton has a free shuttle which will transport participants to/from the hotel, and will, as time allows, also transport guests to local restaurants.

Area Restaurants

There are four recommended restaurants within a two to four block walking distance of the hotel.

- **Wall Street Bar and Grill** - 115 E. Wall, 432-684-8686. Mouthwatering, fresh seafood and delicious steaks, casual, intimate atmosphere.
- **Luigi's** - 111 N. Big Spring, 432-683-6363. A Midland institution for over 40 years serving great Italian food including fine wines and a full service bar.
- **Johnny's Barbeque** - 316 N. Big Spring, 432-683-4581. Down-home style barbecue.
- **Old Monterey** - 523 E. Illinois, 432-570-6169. Chargrilled fajitas, homemade tortillas, and fresh salsa.

The area also has many other very good restaurants within driving distance. Steaks, Tex-Mex, barbeque, and comfort food fare are a specialty in this area.

Additional Information

Check out <http://www.visitmidlandtx.com/> for visitor information, maps, etc.