

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency CERCLA Education Center Groundwater High-Resolution Site Characterization December 10 through 11, 2015



Schedule of Events

The Groundwater High-Resolution Site Characterization (HRSC) training will be held Thursday, December 10 through Friday, December 11, 2015, at the EPA Region 4 office in Atlanta, Georgia. The training will be held in the Augusta Room, located on the 3rd floor of the building. The training begins each day at 9:00 a.m. Eastern time and ends on Friday at 4:00 p.m. Eastern time. Please plan your flights accordingly.

The EPA Region 4 office is located at:

61 Forsyth Street, SW Atlanta, GA 30303

http://www2.epa.gov/aboutepa/visiting-epas-region-4-office-atlanta

Please note: The training will be held at the EPA Region 4 office in Atlanta, Georgia; a block of sleeping rooms is set up at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia which is located within walking distance (approximately a 20 minute walk) to the EPA Region 4 office. Local participants can park in the parking lots surrounding the Region 4 office if necessary. Parking rates vary.

Sheraton Atlanta Hotel

Sheraton Atlanta Hotel 165 Courtland Street, NE Atlanta, Georgia 30303 Phone: (404) 659-6500



For additional information about the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel, visit:

http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1144&language=en_US

Sleeping Room Reservations

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia. The lodging rate is the prevailing government rate of \$135 per night plus 16 percent sales tax. Reservations need to be made before **Wednesday**, **November 4**, **2015**, to receive the government rate.

The rate includes one full breakfast buffet coupon per day and complimentary internet in the guest rooms. The rate also includes discounted parking at \$9.00 per car per night.

To make your sleeping room reservation by telephone, please call (404) 659-6500 and be sure to mention the **EPA CEC Training Atlanta** rate when making your reservation.

You are responsible for cancelling your hotel reservation if you cannot attend. The Sheraton Atlanta Hotel requires a notice of cancellation by 6:00 p.m. local time, 72 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 3:00 p.m. and check-out time is at 12:00 p.m.

What to Pack for the Atlanta Area

December temperatures range from 35°F at night to 55°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 Groundwater HRSC training.



Dining

The Sheraton Atlanta Hotel offers several on-site restaurants:

- Fandangles Restaurant and Bar, offering southern/soul cuisine, is open daily for dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- The Deli, serving sandwiches, crisp salads, tempting pastries, and fresh fruits, is open daily from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.
- The Collage is open daily for breakfast from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Many other dining options are available within walking distance from both the EPA Region 4 Atlanta Office and the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel.

Health, Fitness and Recreation

The Sheraton Atlanta Hotel offers several amenities, including a 24-hour complimentary fitness center which features a variety of cardiovascular and strength-training equipment. The hotel also offers a garden courtyard pool open year round from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Travel Information

The Atlanta area is served by the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL), approximately 12 miles away from the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel. Additional information about ATL is available at http://www.atlanta-airport.com/.

Atlanta, Georgia is located in the Eastern Time Zone.

Ground Transportation

The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) provides public transportation throughout the Atlanta metro area. The train fares are \$2.50 each way plus the cost of \$1.00 for a Breeze ticket. MARTA operates weekdays from 4:45 a.m. until 1:00 a.m. and on weekends from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

The closest MARTA stop to the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel is the Peachtree Center Station, located approximately 2 blocks away. When arriving at ATL, follow the Ground Transportation signs to MARTA. The entrance to MARTA's Airport Station is located inside the western end of the airport's main terminal. The fare gates are just a few feet from the baggage claim areas. You can take the red line towards North Springs or the gold line towards Doraville. Get off at Peachtree Center Station and then take the north exit and turn left onto Andrew Young International Boulevard. The hotel will be two blocks ahead on the right.

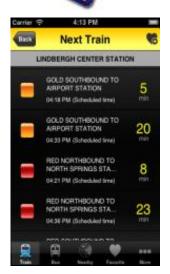
The closest MARTA stop to the EPA Region 4 office building is the Five Points Station. It is located across the street from the EPA Region 4 building.

For more information about MARTA, visit: http://www.itsmarta.com/.

How to Obtain a Breeze Card: In order to take MARTA, all riders must have a Breeze Card to access the train. The Breeze Card looks like a credit card, but it has a computer chip inside that can be loaded with cash value, trips or day passes. The Breeze Card is a reusable, plastic card designed to be used by most MARTA customers. Breeze cards can be purchased at a Breeze Vending Machine located in all 38 rail stations or at any of the MARTA Ridestores (Airport and Five Points). Vending machines accept cash, debit cards and credit cards; however, the machines do not accept denominations greater than \$20 in cash. The cost of a Breeze Card is \$1.00. Additional fare or value must be loaded on the card at the time of initial purchase. In order to add more value to your Breeze Card at any Breeze vending machine, please use the following directions:

- Select "Reload Card" from the display menu
- Tap your Breeze Card on the round, blue Breeze target
- Select the value you would like to put on your card by pressing the button on the menu screen
- Insert your payment into the slot cash, coins or credit/debit card
- Tap your Breeze Card on the blue target a second time to load the value onto your card

Once you have purchased your Breeze Card, simply proceed to the station entry gate and tap the Breeze Card on the round, blue target located on the station entry gate. The reader will let you know your card has been accepted and flash your remaining balance on the screen.



MARTA On the Go App: This mobile app is currently developed for the iPhone and Android devices. It provides scheduling information for bus and rail services. The app will also provide real-time bus and rail information, service alerts, and connecting bus route(s) information. This app can be downloaded free of charge on your iPhone or Android device.

There is also a mobile version of the http://www.itsmarta.com website which allows you to view bus/rail schedules, real-time bus arrivals, trip planning, service alerts, fare information and contact information. This site is available at http://www.itsmarta.com/marta-mobile/mobile-default.aspx and is accessible on any mobile device.

Atlanta Shuttle Service: Provides transportation from the airport to the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel. The charge is \$16.50 one-way and \$29 round trip. Atlanta Shuttle Service runs every half hour and reservations can be made at (404) 941-3440. The shuttle operates from 7:15 a.m. until 8:15 p.m. Reservations are required for pickups on Saturday and Sunday.

Taxi fare between ATL and the hotel is a flat fee of \$30 each way, not including gratuity.

A discounted parking rate of \$9.00 per car per night is included as part of the room rate.

Driving Directions to the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel

From ATL Airport

Approximately 12 miles, 20 minutes

- Take 1-85 North from the airport
- Follow 1-85 North to Atlanta and take exit 248C from I-75N/I-85N
- Follow Andrew Young International Boulevard NE and the Sheraton will be on the left.

Walking Directions to EPA Region 4

From the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel Approximately 0.8 miles, 20 minutes

- From the hotel, turn left onto Courtland Street, NE
- Turn right onto Ellis Street, NE
- Turn left onto Peachtree Street, NW
- Turn right onto Forsyth Street, NW
- Continue on Forsyth Street which turns into Forsyth Street, SW
- EPA Region 4 will be on the right just past the Five Points MARTA Station

