



**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
CERCLA Education Center
Best Practices for Site Characterization
throughout the Remediation Process
November 16 through November 18, 2021**

Schedule of Events

The *Best Practices for Site Characterization throughout the Remediation Process* training course will be held Tuesday, November 16 through Thursday, November 18, 2021 at the EPA Region 5 office in Chicago, IL. The training will be held in the Illinois Room in the EPA Conference Center, located on the 12th floor of the EPA Region 5 office. The training begins at 8:30 a.m. local time on Tuesday and ends at 3:00 p.m. local time on Thursday. Please plan your flights accordingly.

The EPA Region 5 office is located at:
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Please note: The training will be held at the EPA Region 5 office; a sleeping room block has been established at the Palmer House Hilton, which is located approximately 0.4 miles from the EPA Region 5 office.

The Palmer House Hilton Hotel

17 East Monroe Street
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Phone: (312) 726-7500

A block of rooms is being held at the Palmer House Hilton hotel in Chicago, Illinois. The lodging rate is the current prevailing federal government rate of \$179 per night plus 17.40% sales tax. Reservations need to be made before **Friday, October 22, 2021**, to receive the government rate. Included in the room rate is complimentary wireless internet in your sleeping room and complimentary access to the fitness center.

To reserve your room by telephone, please call the hotel directly at (312) 726-7500 and ask for the “EPACEC” group code. To reserve online, please visit the following link: <https://book.passkey.com/go/EPACECBestPractices>.

You are responsible for cancelling your hotel reservation if you cannot attend. **The Palmer House requires a notice of cancellation 72 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 November range from 40°F at night to 50°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 Palmer House offers the following dining options:

- ❖ Lockwood Express is currently open from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., serving a limited menu of take-away items

The Palmer House is in downtown Chicago, steps away from numerous dining options. In addition, many food delivery services including Uber Eats, Grubhub, DoorDash, etc. provide service in the downtown Chicago area.

Health, Fitness and Recreation

The Palmer House offers a fitness center with treadmills, ellipticals, free weights and stationary bikes.

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 <http://www.flychicago.com>. Chicago, Illinois is in the Central Time Zone.

Ground 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/Dearborn stop (this stop is less than one block from the hotel).
- ❖ From the Monroe/Dearborn stop, walk east on 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":

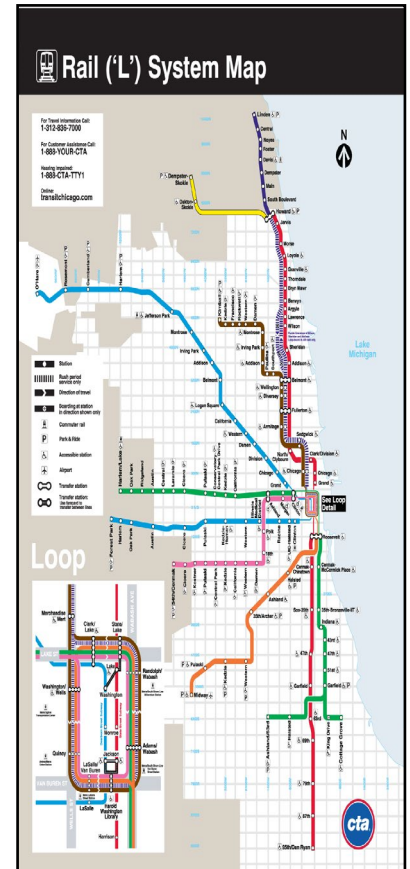
- ❖ At MDW, follow signs for CTA Trains to City.
- ❖ Board the Orange Line "L" toward the Loop. The Orange Line is the only train in operation at MDW.
- ❖ Exit at the Adams/Wabash stop (this stop is about one block from the hotel).
- ❖ Exit the stop and head north on Wabash Avenue; the Palmer House will 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 \$56 one way, not including gratuity. Fares from MDW to the Palmer House are about \$35 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 Hilton hotel. Rides from ORD to the Palmer House are approximately \$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.

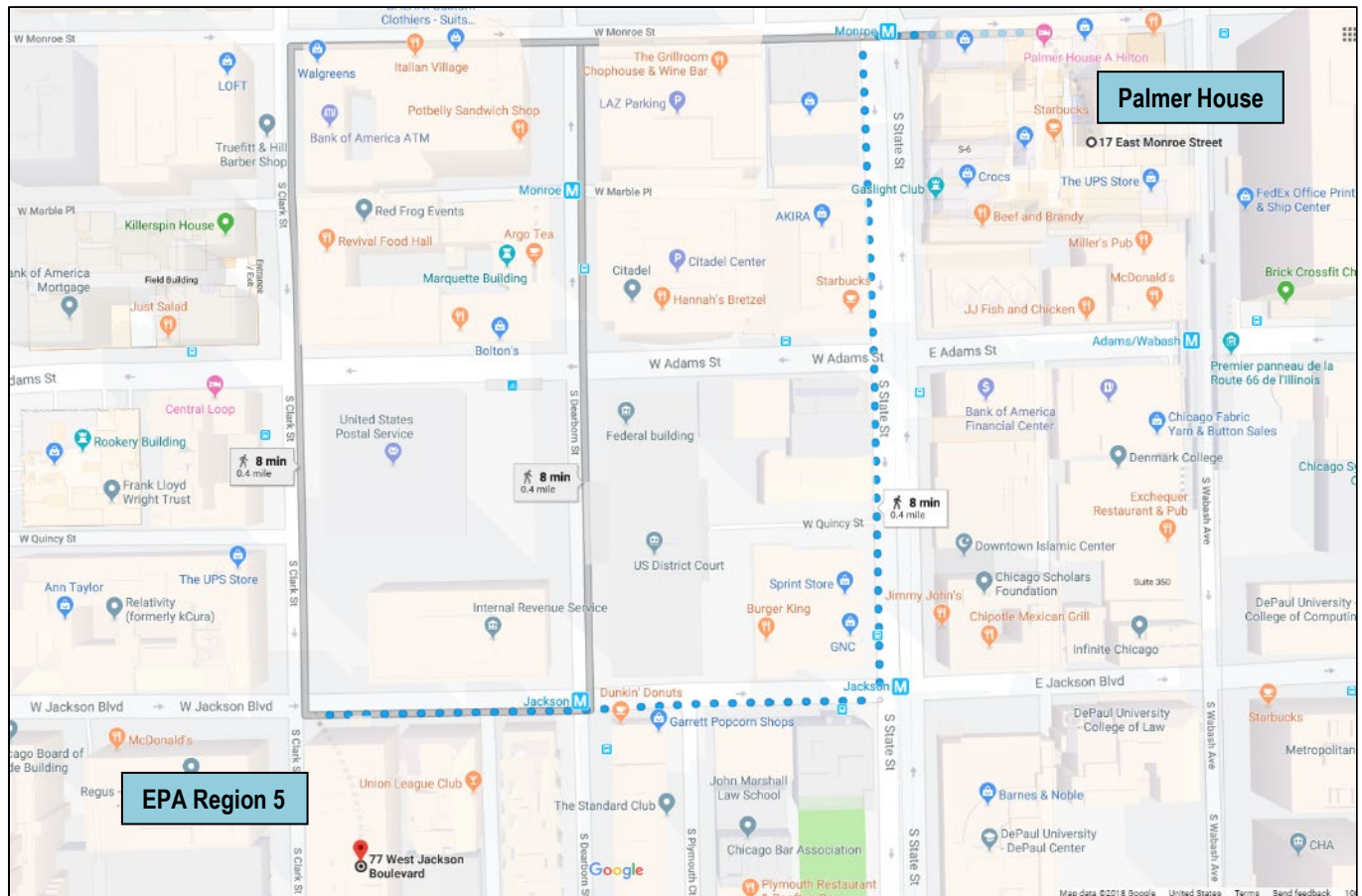
Taxi: Taxi fare between ORD and the hotel is approximately \$65 one way, not including gratuity. Taxi fare between MDW and the hotel is approximately \$45 one way, not including gratuity.

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.

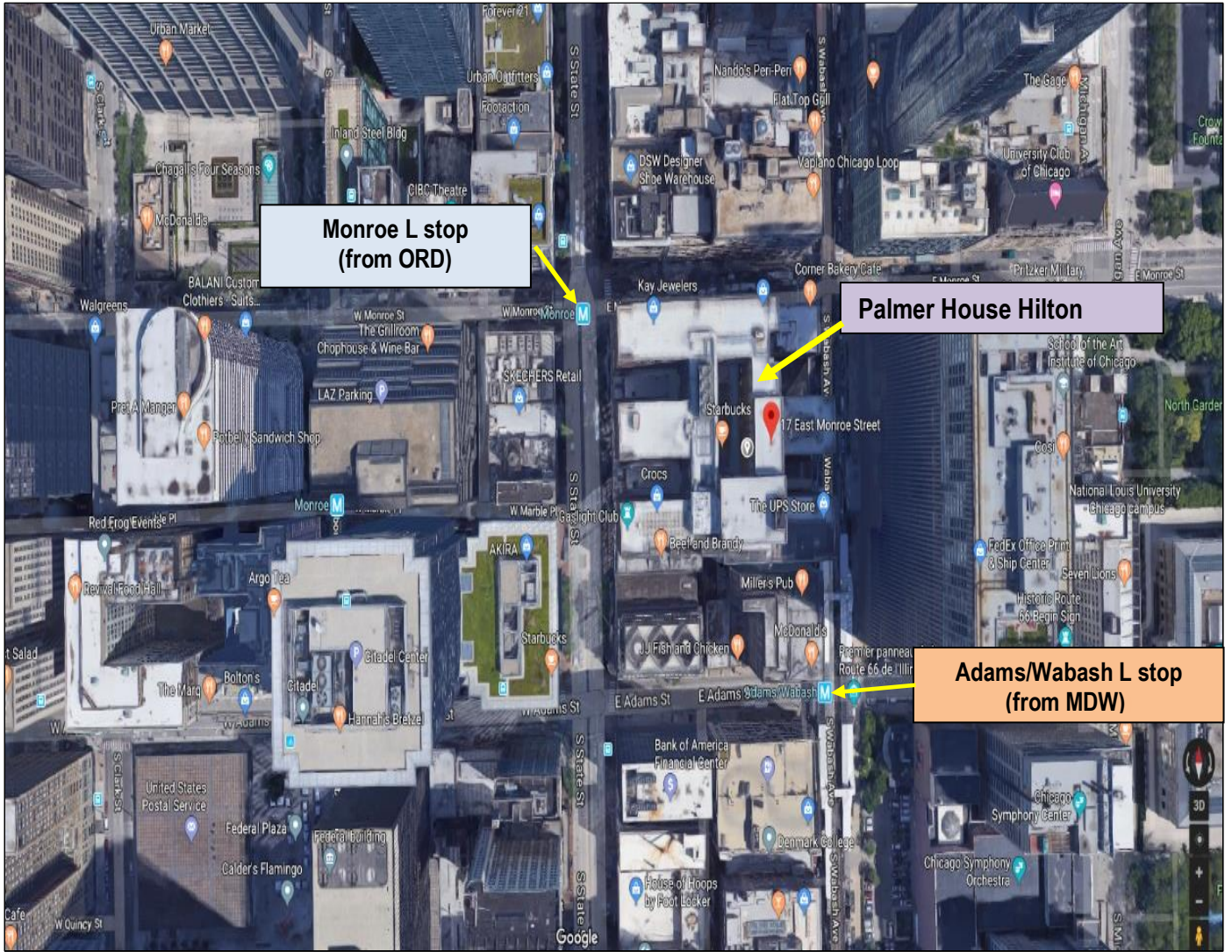


Walking Directions to the EPA Region 5 Office from the Palmer House (approximately 0.4 miles or 10 minutes)

- ❖ 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



The Palmer House Hilton Hotel



Chicago "L" Train System Map

