



AQS Conference Logistical Information

The 20th National Air Quality System (AQS) Conference sponsored by U.S. EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) will be held on the following dates:
Pre-Conference Training Monday, August 20th, Tuesday, August 21st, and Wednesday morning August 22nd. AQS Conference starts August 22nd Wednesday at 1:00 pm through Friday, August 24th wrapping up at 11:00 am.

LOCATION

The conference will be held at the following location:

Renaissance Providence Hotel, Providence Rhode Island

5 Avenue of the Arts, Providence, RI 02903 Phone: (401) 919-5000 Fax: (401) 276-0023 Web Site:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/pvdbr?groupCode=aqsaqsa&app=resvlink&fromDate=8/19/12&toDate=8/24/12>

The hotel location offers the convenience of downtown access and provides a quiet oasis away from noise and distractions. Some of the nearby attractions within walking distance include: Providence Place with over 170 shops, restaurants & entertainment venues, the historic Rhode Island State House, open for tours, and the Providence Performing Arts Center.

LODGING

A block of lodging rooms has been reserved at the Renaissance Providence Hotel. For reservations, call (866) 630-0704 and mention the "EPA AQS Conference" in order to receive the prevailing federal government per diem rate (which is currently \$122.00 for single/double occupancy) plus 13% tax per night. You may also book your hotel reservation online at <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/pvdbr?groupCode=aqsaqsa&app=resvlink&fromDate=8/19/12&toDate=8/24/12>. The group code is AQSQAQSA.

Reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. The room block is limited so please secure your hotel reservations as early as possible. The group rate may be available up to three days prior to and three days after the conference, based on availability. If you have any trouble reserving a room at the group rate, please contact Michael Hamlin, AQS Conference Coordinator, at hamlin.michael@epa.gov.

Reservations by attendees must be made on or before Wednesday, August 1, 2012 in order to guarantee a room. At the Cut-off date, the hotel will open up the room block for the general public. If you are awaiting travel authorization, we strongly recommend that you book a room immediately in order to secure a room. You can cancel your reservation at a later date if you are unable to attend.

Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and checkout time is 12:00 p.m. To cancel a reservation, you must notify the hotel at least 24 hours prior to your scheduled arrival to avoid a penalty equal to one night's stay plus tax.

Each guest will be required to present a valid credit card upon check-in, on which an amount of sufficient pre-authorization can be obtained to cover the room and tax charges for the length of the guest's stay, plus the anticipated use of the hotel's ancillary services.

The hotel offers complimentary high speed Internet access in the guest rooms, a fitness center, Temple Restaurant, gift shop and there are many shops and entertainment nearby as well.

REGISTRATION

When you arrive at the AQS Conference, you will see signs directing you to the AQS Conference registration desk. From there, we will get you registered and have you test your laptop's connection to the hotel's wireless Internet service. Please make sure your laptop has wireless capability before bringing it to the conference.

TRANSPORTATION

Shuttle transportation between the Providence Airport (TF Green) and the Providence Renaissance hotel is available for \$11.00 per person one-way. This shuttle operates from 5:00am to 7:00pm on the hour with a first come first serve basis. You can call 401-737-2868 for taxi service if preferred.

PARKING AT THE HOTEL

Discounted valet parking is \$18.00 per car per day- normally \$26.00 per car per day. Discounted event day parking is \$12.00 per car per day – normally \$15.00 per car per day.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Inquires can be made to Michael Hamlin, AQS Conference Coordinator at 919-541-5232 or hamlin.michael@epa.gov.