Lead and Copper Intern with Division of Drinking and Ground Waters
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Mission Statement: Protect the environment and public health by following environmental laws and taking lead in environmental stewardship.

On the job
• Aided in lead monitoring process for Public Water Systems
• Kept track of all Public Water Systems Lead Consumer Notice Compliance Schedules in the State of Ohio
• Communicate with each Public Water System to help maintain compliance with the Lead and Copper Rule
  • Administrative Contact and Designated operator of record
• Two field work experiences

Where?
• My home
  • Part of Central office with COVID-19 the agency is mostly still at home and in-person work is restricted

How?
• I previously applied and interviewed for EPA
  • COVID cancelled all internships
• Reapplied to all possible

Personal Reflect
• Reinforced my motivation to get a permanent position at OEPA
• Looking forward to:
  • The rest of the internship
  • Hopefully:
    • getting an additional internship at OEPA next summer
    • Permanent position at EPA
    • Master’s in Environmental Science specializing in water issues

Advice
• Don’t be afraid to talk to people
  • “coworkers” are SO nice
• Be involved in the all DDAGW staff meetings!
• The Chief loves to get to know everyone
• Don’t be afraid to ask questions!
  • The best way to show interest is to be interested

Waders for Harmful Algal Bloom sampling