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INTRODUCTION
I started my internship at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center on June 15th and am currently working reduced hours through the semester.

This is a hybrid position so when I wasn’t working remotely, I would be in one of the many buildings that are part of the OSUMC, including:
• The Eye and Ear Institute
• Ross Heart Hospital
• OSUMC Administrative Building

The OSUMC is responsible for providing care to hundreds of thousands outpatient and inpatient clients and offers a wide variety of services.

FINDING THIS POSITION
I obtained this position through a recommendation. I applied to several positions at OSU and was eventually recommended to apply for this one. After an interview with my supervisor, I was offered the position and began working.

WHY OSUMC IS UNIQUE
The OSUMC has committed to the same sustainability goals as OSU. What makes this unique is the challenges that the healthcare industry presents:
• The healthcare industry is the 4th largest consumer of energy
• Specific and necessary requirements regarding sanitation
• Tons of single use plastics for safety reasons

FREQUENT DUTIES
This position was very project based, but some frequent duties included:
• Updating spreadsheets regarding inventory
• Connecting with other departments to assist with projects

ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Some of the bigger projects I’ve assisted on include:
• FY22 waste diversion analysis
• Scope-3 emissions analysis
• ENERGY STAR building analysis

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MOVING FORWARD
Moving forward with my career, I would like to get involved with environmental consulting, which would be similar to what I did through this position. Also, I never really considered the healthcare industry as one I wanted to work in, but after seeing the challenges they face, I could see myself working in this industry in the future.