

Outcomes

Robert Waters Office of Radiological Security (ORS) - Reduce (NA-212) NNSA Headquarters | Hybrid Appointment

Overview

The "Reduce" portfolio of the Office of Radiological Security aims to reduce the risks posed by radiological material through the adoption of alternative technologies. We support this mission through policy, research studies, device replacements, outreach, and education.



Robert Waters on his first day onsite at the NNSA DOE Headquarters

This internship has expanded the horizons my original world was bounded by in terms of networking, travel, and education. Because of the incredible team of individuals at headquarters I was afforded opportunities to travel to places I had never been to, like New York, Washington, D.C., and Colorado. The network of individuals in the ORS team have been nothing but supportive in my education and learning about alternative technologies.

Due to the nature of this appointment, I was able to dive deep into the upcoming studies validating the use of alternative technologies from many notable labs like Sandia National Laborites, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. Because of my connections at headquarters, I was able to network with subject matter experts and national lab employees around the globe.

"The people that I have met through this internship will help unlock any doors I have in the future. Every conversation I had was a steppingstone to my future goal of protecting the US and its citizens from radioactive hazards."



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