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1. The Water Industry is such a crucial industry. I feel ^{we} ~~that~~ are right at the forefront of advancing public health. It is also very sensitive & it rightly belongs to the government sector, ^{which} ~~this~~ enables a better accountability.
2. I've learned that I am meant to be a public servant. My experience at Saint Paul Water has confirmed to me that I picked the right path, a path of accountability while serving the Public.
3. I'm ~~particular~~ ^{particularly} impressed with the energy and motivation of all the people that ensured that we had a great internship experience. I've appreciated the creativity and progressive-ness

That is imbedded in the work culture.

I have ~~also~~ also come to appreciate that every single detail, job, unit or asset matters and is well accounted for.

I have also learned that the labor^{distribution} department is not a field where I would be eager to work for the rest of my life, this is because I like to work in areas where I can get to put my brain to task.

4 Yes, The water industry is definitely my field. I'm very passionate about it and I hope I can continue to learn as far as I can.

5 For ~~an~~ Additional comments:

The highlights of my experience

Include:
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- Laboratory
- Meter operation
- Pump & Pipe inspection tour.
- Engineering department.

I really enjoyed the stimulating conversations I had with the lab & Engineering staff.

I also enjoyed the warm hospitality we received from Dolly. Thank you very much. This was all well organized and very rewarding!

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1. The water industry is far encompassing than one would think or expect. From a broader perspective, the industry takes into consideration every subject (Management, Engineering, Construction, Biology, Chemistry, geology, math, etc). An education in a subject area, i.e. project management, can translate into ~~the~~ be relevant when dealing with water projects. In essence, an individual's education or training (career-wise) can be utilized in the industry. Also, there's job stability and turnover rate in most cases is based on promotion and retirement. There's opportunities to be absorbed once training is completed - indeed great prospects.
2. What I learned about myself is the ability to see the bigger picture about the water industry including what I didn't know prior to the training, tours, site seeing, etc. Also, to know the extent ~~to~~ of knowing what is expected, ~~des~~ kinds of - (PTO)

- decisions that one must make. That is, the ~~recognize~~ need to recognize social and ethical responsibilities. Moreover, to recognize the extent to which each component part (individually and collectively) is vital to functionality of the whole (water industry) process of delivering safe drinking water for public consumption. And then of course, the ability to work across culture, ~~barriers~~ barriers, conflict, and collaborate efforts for the common good of society - deliver safe drinking water for public consumption. Above all else, the ability to articulate and communicate effectively to get stakeholder's buy-in (project teams, etc).

③ I am not sure ~~of~~ what I don't like. However, it hurts to say good by to the internship. I wished I could stay on for a longer time to gain more hands on experience.

④ Definitely ^I look forward to continue in the water industry. I look forward to harnessing this network and resources afforded to us.

⑤ Thanks so much a million times.

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1. I better understand ~~the~~ how I received my water because I lived in Roseville and I understand what stages it takes to make a potable water supply
2. I ~~really~~ learned that I would like to ~~the~~ work outside more than being stuck in a cubical and I prefer to be a hands on worker
3. I thought this internship was a great experience for me and I loved all the different things you can do in this ~~the~~ industry
4. I do see myself continuing working at some kind of water facility

S I would just like to thank everyone
that guided me through this Internship

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In paragraph form, answered all the questions though:

- After spending my time here I was able to see the entire process from raw water to treated water your drinking in your home and even the logistical side of the industry. I was able to get a very good understanding of the processes which was a great help in helping me narrow down what I want to do in this field. I ~~was~~ found that I may want to explore engineering and I want to start by working in the plant and most likely continuing my education part time to work towards a civil engineering degree. I think I was very lucky to have come to St. Paul for my internship. The process they took to give us a wide range of experiences from a large gamut of opportunities within water was an awesome approach. Definitely something to continue. All of the staff ~~were~~ were a great resource and answered all our questions. We also got to see their background on how they got into the industry which was enlightening. To be honest, the only thing that could be considered a negative about the experience was the weather, which is out of our control;

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I definitely see myself continuing in the industry. As I stated earlier, I would love to explore the engineering side and operator more in depth and if at all possible, during our internship in April, I would jump on the opportunity if you would have an opening to maybe split the week between those areas. Thanks again for the opportunity! I'm 100% positive I made the right career choice!