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## Internship After-Action Review (AAR)

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**Internship Topic:** Stockpile Assessment  
**Dates of Internship:** 21May – 20Jun

Please answer the following questions in the font and spacing provided. Take as much room as necessary to answer the questions below.

**1) Please provide a complete summary of your internship experience, including any suggestions as to how it might be improved in future years. Please identify anything that went well and/or anything that did not.**

I arrived at Sandia on May 21. Staci Dorsey did a fantastic job of providing information to us and making sure we knew where we were going and all of the expectations at Sandia. I really enjoyed my advisor and my project, and I liked being able to work with a wide variety of people. Overall, the arrival at Sandia went well, and I did not have any significant issues throughout the internship.

**2) Pre-internship:** In what ways, if any, could your internship experience have been improved by the NSERC prior to your departure from the Academy?

One thing that was helpful for me was that my advisor got in contact with me before I came to Sandia. It was very reassuring to have a solid idea of what I would be doing before I actually arrived. However, I know that most of the other midshipmen were not contact by their advisors and not sure of exactly what they would be doing or what the expectations were. I think that it could be a good idea if the advisors were required or highly recommended to get in contact with their midshipman before the internship started, even if just to introduce themselves.

**3) During Internship:** In what ways, if any, could your overall experience have been improved during your internship? Please identify anything that detracted substantially from your learning, professional growth, etc.

I think the internship went very well. I had no significant issues that interfered with my internship experience.

**4) Post-internship:** Following your internship, how do you think the NSERC could improve voucher submission, internship product requirements, etc.?

There was too much paperwork required for after the internship. Having to do reports for both DTRA and USNA was a lot, especially since a lot of it was redundant. We also had to give full presentations at the internship. This meant that almost all of our last week was spent writing



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reports and filling out forms, which I do not think was the best use of our last few days at the internship. I think that it would be better if we could just do one common form or simply submit the presentation that we already had to create for Sandia.

### **5) In general, how do you think your internship experience could have been improved?**

My internship experience was very good. I enjoyed the work I was doing and the people I was working with. I think the logistics of the internship were very well planned and executed. I cannot think of any other ways that the internship could have been improved.



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