I truly enjoyed my internship experience this summer with the SP Group. While on the job, I was able to experience so much, including sitting in on Safety Committee Meetings, monitoring for radiation contamination, leading training sessions and working on several of my own projects. Over the course of the summer I traveled to job locations in Fort Collins and Boulder, and no two days were the same, which I loved. Working for a small consulting group, you see a lot of the same faces, but my boss, as well as the employees at each facility, were all very friendly. The SP Group specializes in working with biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, so I was in the company of extremely smart individuals. Everyone that I spoke with was very kind, welcoming, and always willing to have a conversation.

My favorite part about being in this environment was the fact that it was constantly changing, and we were able to work with a variety of clients. I was able to see how employees respond to safety advice, and I learned that you really have to be personable, and able to recognize and adapt to different company “cultures.” One of my favorite projects that I was able to complete involved collaborating with the Boulder Fire Department on Emergency Pre-planning for our facility. We were able to identify and make a plan that would immediately make the fire department aware of chemical hazards, should they ever need to respond to a call at that location. I also enjoyed my shadowing experiences from Process Hazard Analysis, to meetings with the City of Fort Collins, and being able to talk with my boss about the clients, projects, and problems that we were working on. All in all, I had a wonderful experience, and would recommend this internship to anyone!