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Within 100 hours of my internship at Dominion Energy, I have gained more experience and knowledge of my role as a procurement engineer with all the reading and shadowing of my coworkers. I've also been tasked with getting familiar with company data and internal datasets to transform raw data into visualized dashboards that's able to be understood by interested parties of the company, more specifically, members of the supply chain group at Dominion Energy.

A significant portion of my work for the past 2 weeks involved interacting with dashboards and reports that consolidate large volumes of operational and performance data. Through this process, I have learned how data from multiple sources can be cleaned, organized, and presented in a way that highlights trends, inefficiencies, and opportunities for improvement. Rather than simply viewing numbers, I have gained experience interpreting visuals, understanding key performance indicators, and recognizing how small changes in data can influence business outcomes. With this, I've also been able to shadow my co workers who has far more experience than I have, and seeing the datasets they've created, the collaboration between them, and how they plan has given me a deeper understanding and appreciation in the meaning of teamwork, problem solving, and critical

thinking. Also to mention, data protection was something that was repeated the day I arrived as the information contained in these datasets and models are confidential. So being aware of system monitoring alerts and external emails from outside the company were a big emphasis so I'd know what to do in case an incident were to arise.

Within 100 hours of my internship, it has strengthened both my technical and professional skills. Beyond learning the mechanics of building effective reports, I have gained insight into how cybersecurity teams rely on accurate data to support compliance, mitigate threats, and protect critical infrastructure. Working alongside experienced professionals has emphasized the importance of attention to detail, secure data handling practices, and continuous learning within the cybersecurity field.