

Weekly report 2  
8/27-9/2

### Finding a way to make it work

This week was a challenge emotionally, as the work had begun to get more difficult. The second week, as predicted, involved more hands-on activities as the class truly started.

The first research project was assigned, and more information about the topic of environmental engineering was presented. Databases had to be used in order to conduct the research which helped broaden the understanding of how to research successfully and put together a career outlook in the field of interest.

The process of finding information about environmental engineering was difficult because there was not an article about the field, so an article about environmental engineering technicians had to be used instead. It contained the same basic information, but some of the duties were not mentioned as the technician is not the true engineer. The goal of the next assessment is to be able to find more information that is better related to the topic. This will help make sure a foundation for the topic is formed and information will be abundant. It is better to have more information about the topic than not have enough.

As research continues the focus of the original has changed as I no longer wish to study water usage, but rather cars and how car pollution could be limited. A LinkedIn account will also aid in finding out more about environmental engineering in the automotive industry, as connections can be made from the professionals. My main goal is to be able to find a mentor in the automotive industry such as Tesla or Toyota so I can see people who devote their lives to that line of work and how they are changing cars to reduce the carbon footprint.

Although challenges have already begun with the failure to find a source that directly relates to the topic, improvements can only be made from here. Failures are learning moments and next time the goal is to look deeper into each database and include more sources on the next assignment as well as find out more about what to do for original work creating a base for the next few months.