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Virgil

Hannah, you're the new LEED Coordinator. How does that make you feel? Are you nervous? Are you excited? How do you feel?

Hannah

I would say I'm a mix of both. I'm definitely excited to use my knowledge of the LEED principles to help advocate for green building practices all across the NIH. But, I'm also a little bit nervous, because I'm currently the only LEED AP in DEP, so I have a big responsibility to uphold. I want to make sure that I'm representing my division to the very best of my abilities.

Virgil

That's fair – that does sound like a lot of responsibility, but I'm sure you can get it done! When we're looking at LEED, there's a lot of things that go behind it, there's a lot of importance or momentum behind it. Why do you think that's the case? Why do you think LEED is important for the NIH?

Hannah

Well, there's a lot of reasons but I'll say some of the biggest ones. LEED certified buildings reduce energy and water consumption. They help to lower both operating and utility costs. They result in less waste, and they also improve occupant health and well-being. Those are some of the big things about LEED. So having some LEED certified buildings is going to reinforce the NIH 's commitment to protecting and enhancing the environment.

Virgil

I see. I know you're a busy lady, so thank you for your time.

Hannah

No problem.