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Orok Duke:

Hi, my name is Orok Duke and I work as a research engineer at a Naperville research center. I grew up in Niger and when I was done with secondary school there I insisted on moving to the UK and went to college, and while I was there I had an opportunity to intern with BP in the Hall site in the UK and it was in acetic acid manufacturing. And when I was done with that I went back to complete my bachelor's in engineering and chemical engineering, and after that I knew I wanted to have a graduate degree, but I wanted to change the culture so I decided to do a master's at Princeton. I'm a research engineer within the environmental technology group, and the environmental technology group looks after the wastewater treatment facilities primarily at BP plants around the world. The technology that we use basically works on using bacteria to digest the organic component found in our wastewater. Also we have a lot of work when there is a new plant being built somewhere. Members of our group will be consulted right from the design phase. We also do some basic research in-house validating some new technologies. We tend to visit the clients once a year, sometimes twice, just to make sure that they are working at the optimal level. And if they are not, then we try to provide them with solutions to whatever problems that they have. The people I work with are a very good group, a very good mix of different races, different cultures, and different experiences. Outside of work we have a group in Naperville for the new hires on site. We tend to meet once a month. The whole idea is to build a network of young people in the area so that it makes it easy when you first get here and you get to make some friends at work. BP has interests all around the world and that gives you an opportunity as an employee to find work in a variety of areas and a variety of locations. I like meeting new people, I like working with different cultures. I would like to be able to work in Asia. It's been a pretty steep learning curve, but I like challenges, so I've relished it so far.

