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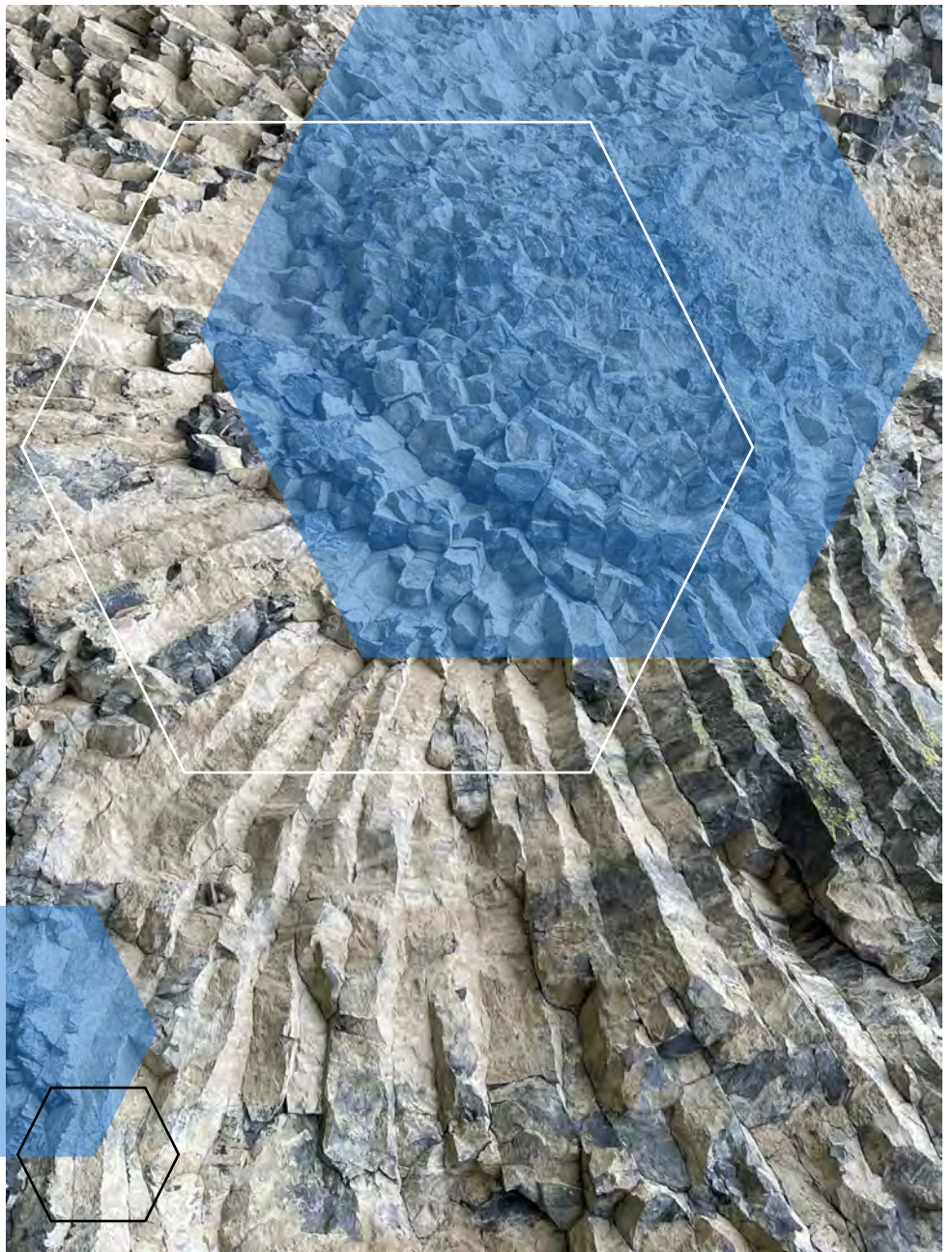
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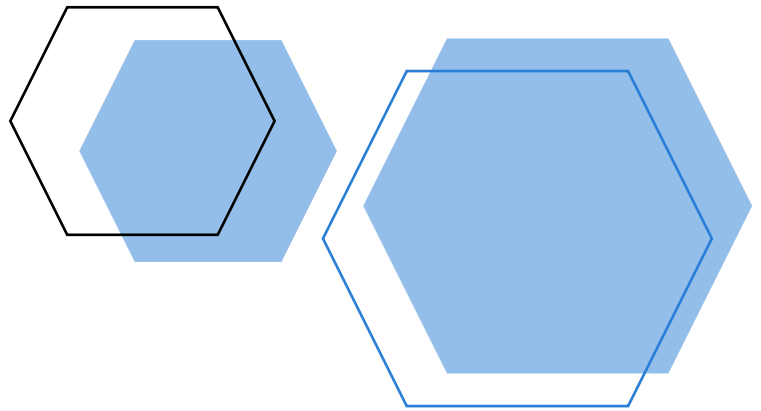


APRIL MEETING

DON'T FORGET ... IT'S A BUSINESS!! HOW TO SURVIVE THE CORPORATE MACHINE

This presentation will focus on the insights gained over the course of Paul Weaver's over 40-year career spent mostly working as a geotechnical geologist working for engineering consulting companies ranging in size from under 20 employees to over 6,000 employees. Discussion highlights include the following:

- How to thrive as a geologist in an engineer-dominated group
- How to build up your experience resume by embracing opportunities
- What will be expected of you as you advance in your career
- What choices you have in the direction your career will take



- How to deal with corporate B.S.
- Other insights to allow you to survive and thrive inside the corporate machine.

MEETING DETAILS

Date:

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Agenda:

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Social

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Dinner

7:00 p.m., Presentation

Location:

Old Market Pub

6959 SW Multnomah Boulevard

RSVP:

Ticket prices vary. Use cash or check to pay at the door. If you want to pay with card, [RSVP here](#).





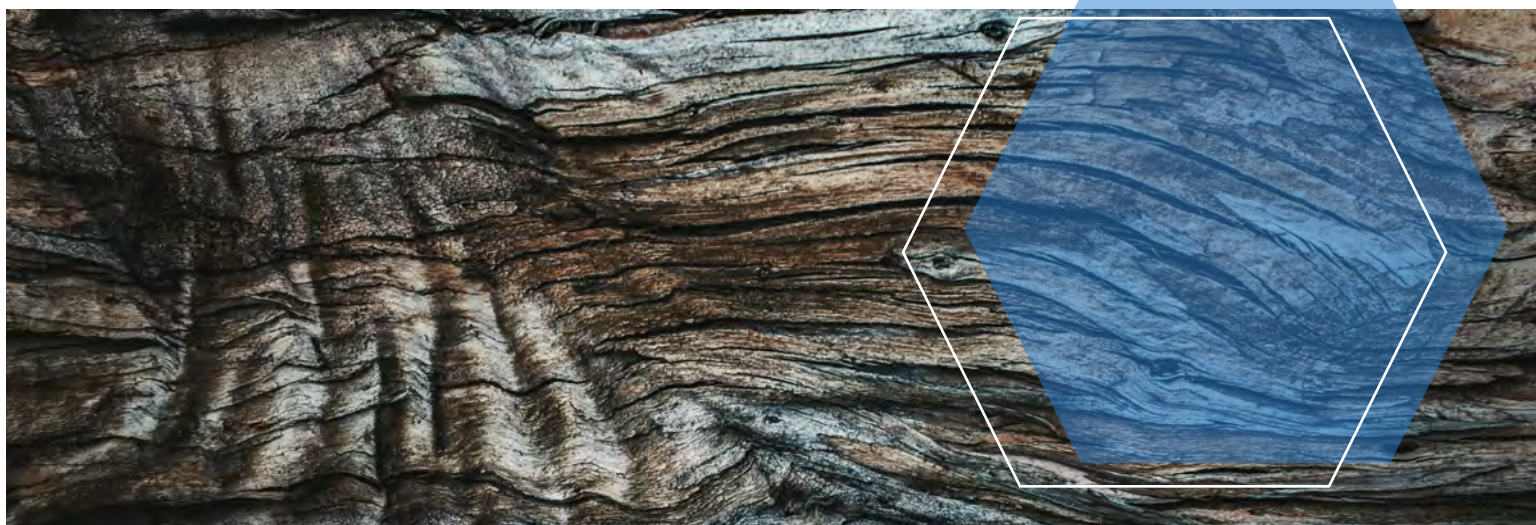
MEET THE PRESENTER

PAUL WEAVER, PG

Paul retired from ESP Associates, Inc. in 2024, where he was the senior transportation geotechnical project manager in charge of all North Carolina transportation geotechnical work. Some of the many positions he held over his over 40-year career include concrete and soil technician / soils and concrete laboratory manager, geologist / quality control manager for a limestone quarry, in-house specialist for subgrade and base stone chemical stabilization with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, drilling department manager, and geotechnical engineering department manager. Paul received his degree in geology from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in 1981. He has been

very involved in AEG for over 25 years, serving as Chair of the Carolinas Chapter for four years, Southeast Region Director for two years, Co-Chair of the 2019 AEG Annual Meeting held in Asheville, and Co-Chair of the AEG Meetings Advisory Committee. He is currently Chair of the AEG Carolinas Scholarship Committee, advisor to the Carolinas Chapter, and Treasurer for the upcoming AEG 2026 Annual Meeting to be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Paul lives in Greensboro, North Carolina, and is a licensed geologist in North Carolina. In his free time, Paul enjoys creating unique wood-crafted items such as tables, benches, and wine racks.





LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

APPLY YOUR PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE FOR MEANINGFUL RESULTS

AEG Oregon,

About four years ago, I built a pond in my backyard. It wasn't much—little more than a hole in the ground—but I wanted to make my yard more wildlife-friendly, and this seemed like a relatively cheap way to accomplish that. I asked a friend of a friend to help me dig it with their mini-excavator, filled it with water, planted it with plenty of native pond plants, and stood back to see what, if anything, would happen.

Turns out, it was a "Field of Dreams" scenario: If you build it, they will come. The amount of wildlife that simply showed up and moved in still shocks me. Every spring evening, frogs create a cacophony of croaks that surely annoy my neighbors. Water boatmen and water striders cruise this suburban oasis looking for prey, while ducks and songbirds stop by for a dip. Come June, my tiny yard experiences a biblical plague of froglets. In July and August, the dragonflies take over, with at least five different species converging on this perfect breeding ground.

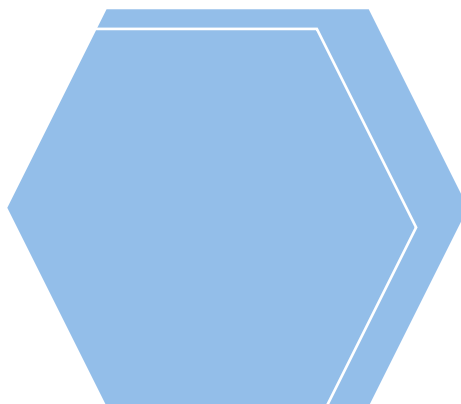
The best part was the chance to use my geological and engineering knowledge for something outside of work. I called in an 811 utility locate ticket and checked the county website for leach field details to ensure I didn't hit anything during excavation. I also researched surficial soil information from the U.S. Geological Survey and National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) soil survey websites. Because I am located on floodplain deposits consisting of silty sand with rounded cobbles and boulders, I built a grizzly screen to sift the stones out of the excavated material to reuse them in the pond. Because the NRCS survey confirmed that my soil was too permeable to hold water on its own, I installed a plastic liner.

My message is this: do not underestimate what you can do with what you have learned in your professional life. I had no idea if this project would pan out, but I applied the skills and knowledge gained over my career to something I found meaningful. In the process, I gained new confidence and satisfaction by transforming a personal pursuit into a professional-grade success.

This month, we have Paul Weaver, the AEG President, speaking at the Old Market Pub. I hope to see you all there.

Regards,

Nicholas Farny, AEG Oregon Chair





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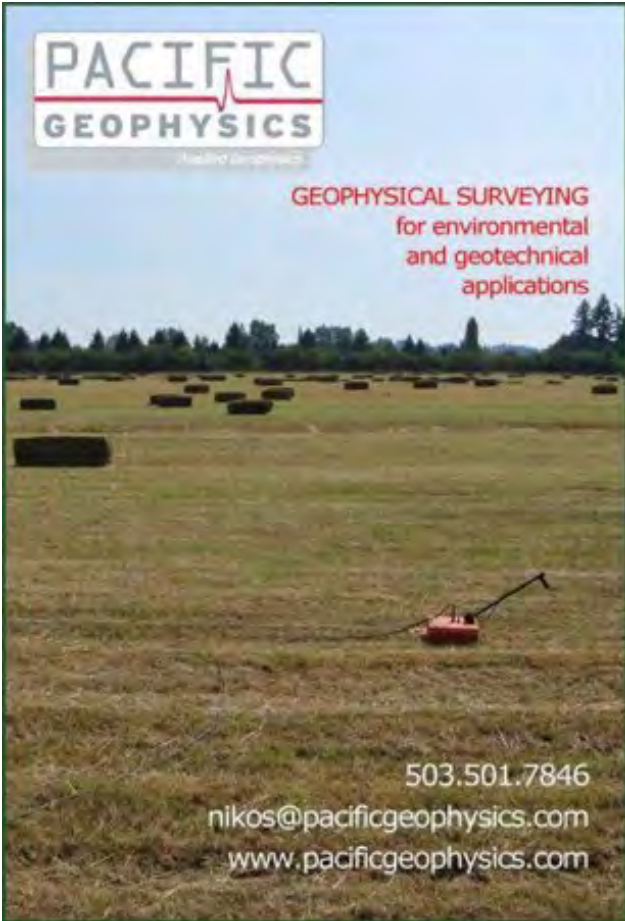
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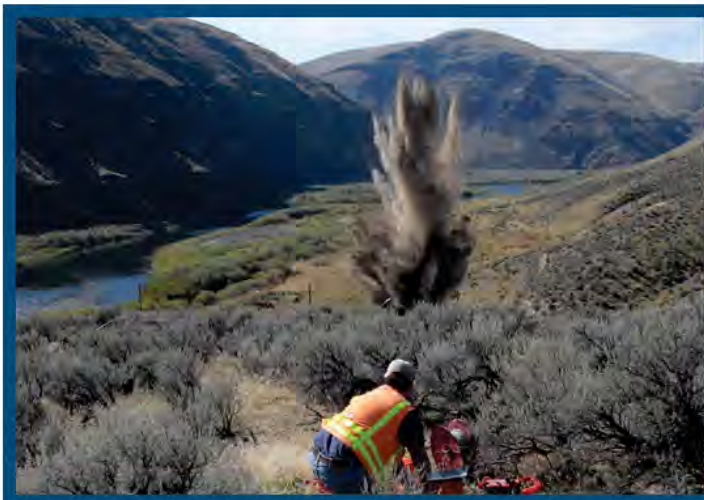


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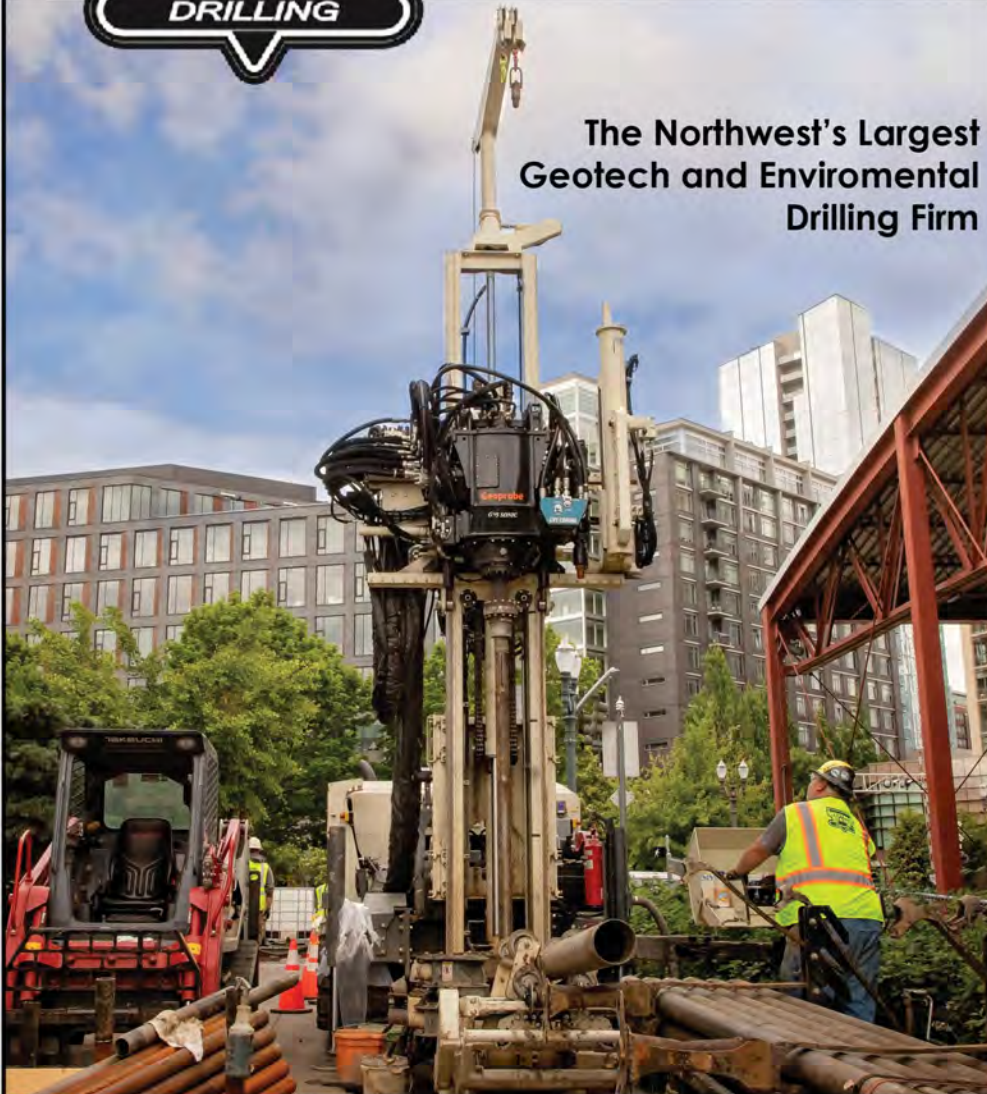
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STUDENT NIGHT

Student night will be May 19, 2026. This is an opportunity for students to present their projects and mingle with industry professionals. And there are prizes! It's never too early to start thinking about what you might present.

CALL FOR CONTENT!

We would love to hear from you! Tell us about your recent projects, career milestones, events, awards, and job postings or submit articles and visual elements. Send newsletter contributions to Sarah Norton at snorton@gri.com.

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Pali Consulting, Staff Geologist

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 10: Geological Society of the Oregon Country presents Carolyn Driedger: "Hazards from the Nevado del Ruiz and Mount Rainier Volcanoes." PSU Cramer Hall, Room 53 (and online), 7:30 p.m.–9 p.m.

Rock and Mineral Shows:

April 10–12: Mt. Hood Rock Club, Portland, Oregon.

April 17–19: Willamette Agate and Mineral Society, Rickreall, Oregon

April 25–26: Rogue Gem & Geology Club, Grants Pass, Oregon

April 27: Geological Society of the Oregon Country presents Andrew Dunning: "Crumbly Coast: Coastal Landslides in Lincoln County." Online only, 6:30 p.m.

June 12–13: AEG Oregon Short Course: The Field-Developed Cross Section. A two-day course including one day of classroom instruction and one day of field application. More details forthcoming!

June 19–21: Western Oregon University Earth Science Alumni Group is putting on a Camping and Rafting Weekend on the Deschutes River as a fundraising field trip. Register by May 15. [Registration Link Here](#)

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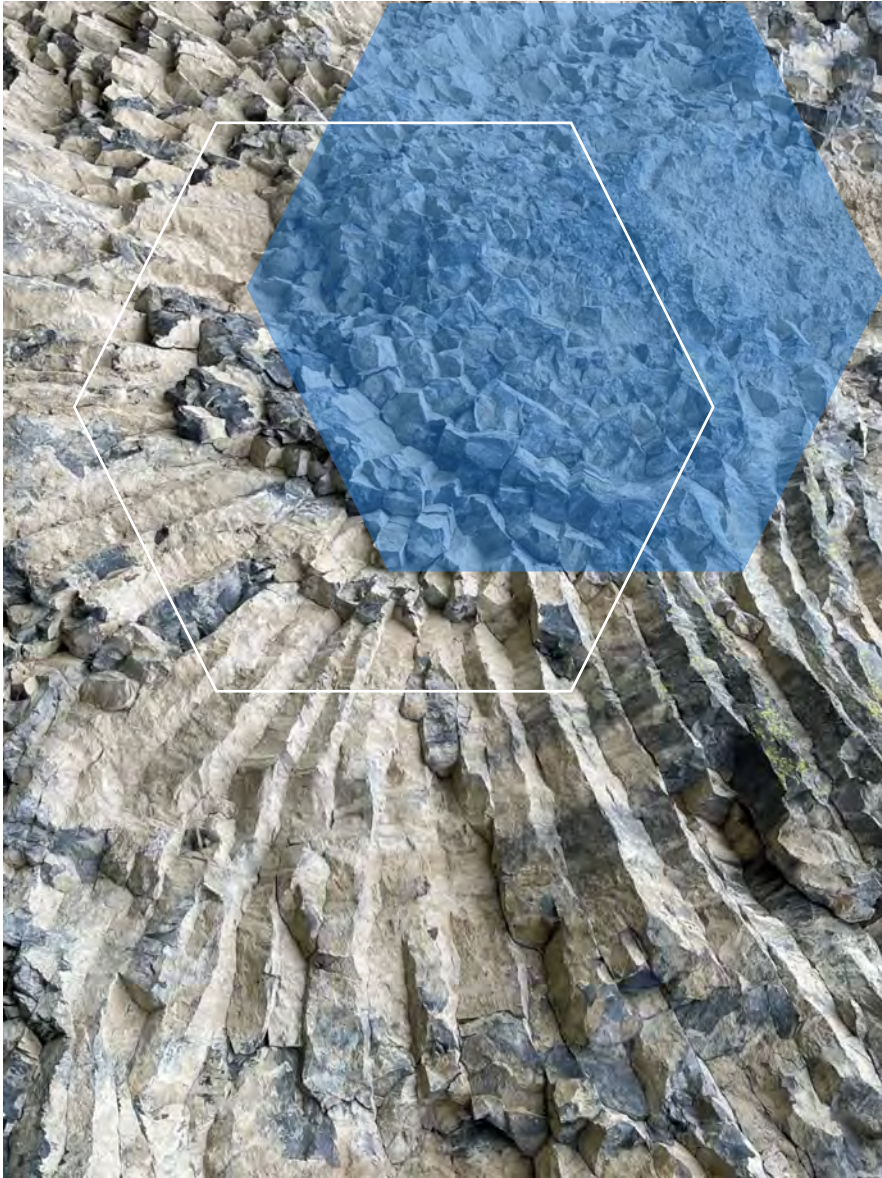
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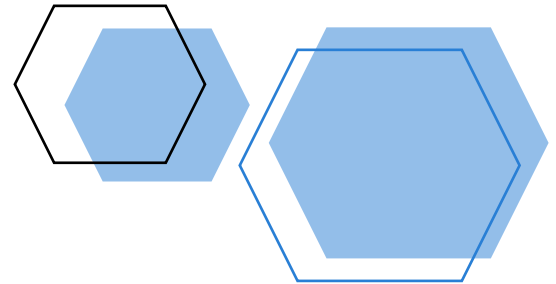
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