



Margarita Restrepo Geotechnical Engineer



I analyze and design foundations, slopes, retaining structures, and embankments that are made of or are supported by soil or rock.

How long have you been a geotechnical engineer?

5 years

Where do you currently work?

I work for HNTB Corporation, an infrastructure firm.

How do you spend most of your time at work?

I am mostly in the field, analyzing soil properties, designing foundations and retaining walls, and writing reports.

Why did you choose this career?

I like working outside and overcoming challenges. Both of my parents are civil engineers and they inspired me to become one.

What did you do to prepare for this career?

I have a bachelor's and master's degree in Civil Engineering.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

How challenging it can be.

What do you find most challenging about your job?

Every project is different.

What is one piece of advice you would give to a young person who is interested in your profession?

My advice is to try new things and to not be scared of failure.

MARGARITA'S FUN FACT
My favorite TV show is "Parks and Recreation."



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