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Message From the Director

I am pleased to introduce the first issue of the *Journal of Energy and Environmental Research*. The Journal will highlight work being conducted by U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) researchers, in collaboration with investigators from industry, academia, and other national laboratories. The Journal will also feature articles written by invited experts in various fields of energy and environmental studies.

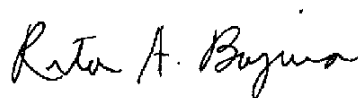
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The challenge we face in addressing our nation's energy issues is formidable. Our academic, scientific, and technological communities must continue to share information to develop solutions to this challenge.

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