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Norm Popkie has accepted a position as general engineer with the Strategic Center for Coal of the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL). He will be a project manager working on sensors, instrumentation, and controls used for coal gasification systems, turbines, and fuel cells at NETL's site in Morgantown, WV.

Popkie, a native of Yorkville, Ohio, near Wheeling, WV, holds a B.S. in chemical engineering from Ohio University in Athens, OH and an M.S. in mechanical engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, IN. He worked for 20 years with explosives products, shoulder-fired weapons and detectors of various hazardous materials including chemical warfare agents and explosives at Naval Weapons Support Center in Crane, IN and then went to Charlotte, NC for three years with General Dynamics as project engineer and test engineer developing the next generation of chemical warfare agent detector for Department of Defense troops.

Popkie says that working with NETL is an exciting career move for him and will provide him and his wife Michelle the opportunity to live closer to home.

NETL is one of the U.S. Department of Energy's national laboratories. NETL – "the ENERGY lab" – focuses on America's economic prosperity, which requires secure, reliable energy supplies at sustainable prices. Three overarching issues characterize the energy situation in the United States. They are energy affordability, supply security, and environmental quality. The Department of Energy's only government-owned, government-operated national lab, NETL is a research and technology center where these energy challenges converge and energy solutions emerge. NETL implements a broad spectrum of energy and environmental research and development programs through its own research staff and through funded research at other labs, universities, and industry that will return benefits for generations to come.