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From left to right, William C. Early, Acting Regional Director, U.S. EPA, Mid-Atlantic Region; Elias J. George, Environmental Team Leader, ESS&H Division, NETL; Terry Ruggles, NBC 10 New Anchor, Philadelphia

The National Energy Technology Laboratory's (NETL) Environment, Safety, Security, and Health Division has been awarded a 2009 Environmental Achievement Award from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. This award recognizes high level accomplishments by business, government, nonprofit, and volunteer organizations in improving environmental quality.

NETL has accomplished and sustained significant measurable and replicable environmental results for more than 20 clearly defined environmental issues at its Morgantown, W.Va., and Pittsburgh, Pa., campuses. Accomplishments include waste minimization and pollution prevention, participation in the Federal Electronics Challenge, energy conservation measure implementation, and recycling initiatives.

NETL's Elias George accepted the award for the team at the awards ceremony held on September 16 in Philadelphia, Pa.

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.