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A Silver Award for Excellence in Scientific Research has been awarded to Duane H. Smith of the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) from the Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board (FEB).

FEB held its 26th annual Excellence in Government Awards Program luncheon, where the awards were presented, at the Westin Convention Center in Pittsburgh. NETL employees took home several of the awards.

Dr. Smith is a senior scientist at NETL and works with geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide to reduce global warming. He grew up in Findlay, Ohio and earned an undergraduate degree from Carnegie Mellon University and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in physical chemistry from the University of Chicago. He lives in Morgantown, West Virginia.

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