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The National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) has selected Dr. Christina Lopano as a physical scientist. She will work on a variety of research projects within the geological and environmental systems focus area. Previously, she worked as a postdoctoral researcher at NETL through the ORISE program.

Lopano grew up in Nazareth, Pa. She earned a B.S. in geological sciences from Virginia Tech (Blacksburg, Va.), and a Ph.D. in geosciences from Penn State (State College, Pa.). She lives in North Huntingdon, Pa.

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