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The National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) has selected David Alman as a supervisory general engineer. Alman, who works at NETL's Albany, Ore., research site, will be continuing his 16-year long career as an engineer, all of which has been spent at NETL. Most recently, he was a materials research engineer working on projects aimed at developing metallic alloys that are more resistant to the high temperature and corrosive environments associated with solid oxide fuel cells and advanced coal combustion.

In his new position, Alman will lead projects that address materials challenges associated with emerging energy technologies. This is accomplished through laboratory research that leads to fundamental understanding of materials behavior in aggressive environments, field trials in industrial sites, and the transfer of technology to the public through cooperative research, patents, and publications.

A native of Philadelphia, Pa., Alman resides in Corvallis, Ore. He holds a Ph.D. in materials engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.

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.