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## **NETL** Hometown Release:

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The National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) has selected Joe Cherian as an information technology specialist working with project information management systems. Prior to this position he was employed by Highmark Inc. in Pittsburgh, Pa., as a senior enterprise architect.

Cherian has earned master's degrees in computer information systems and business administration and a bachelor's degree in physics. He lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Rebecca, and their two children, Rachel (11) and Ben (5).

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