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The National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) has selected Mark O'Matz as an energy project specialist. He will work on research and development of net zero houses—houses with zero net energy consumption and zero carbon emissions annually. Previously, he was a senior associate for twelve years at Perkins Eastman Architects.

O'Matz grew up in Pittsburgh, Pa. and earned a bachelor degree in architecture from Penn State University. He lives in Pittsburgh.

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.