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## **NETL** REPORTS:

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The National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) has selected Harry R. (Skip) Pratt as a physical scientist. He will work as a project manager in the Natural Gas & Oil Project Management Division, Strategic Center for Natural Gas & Oil. Previously, he worked as a geologist for the Washington Division of URS at NETL.

Pratt grew up in Pittsburgh, Pa. and earned a BS in geology from WVU (Morgantown, W.Va.). He lives in Morgantown.

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