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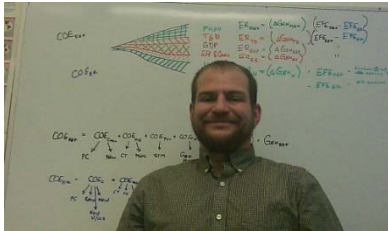


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The National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) has selected Chris Nichols as a senior analyst. He will be working on analyses and assessments of the role that energy-related research and development can play in solving the national security, environmental, and economic sustainability issues facing the nation. Previously, he served as a site support contractor to NETL and began his professional career as a nuclear engineering officer in the U.S. Navy.

Nichols originally hailed from Western Maryland and earned his undergraduate degree in physics from Drew University (Madison, N.J.) and a master's degree in safety and environmental management from West Virginia University (Morgantown, W.Va.). He lives in Swanton, Md.

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.