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The National Energy Technology Laboratory's (NETL) Environment, Safety, Security, and Health Division has been awarded a 2009 Enviro-Star Award by the Allegheny County Health Department, Pittsburgh, Pa. This award recognizes local businesses and institutions for voluntarily adopting significant pollution prevention practices which protect the environment and public health and benefit the organization through waste reduction and conservation of resources.

NETL was one of seven organizations in the Pittsburgh area to receive the award, but the only organization to receive a three-star rating. The rating was based on NETL's efforts under its environmental management system which sets goals for nonhazardous waste reduction, hazardous waste recycling, chemical inventory reduction, and improvements in energy efficiency.

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.