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### **Albany Researcher Gordon Holcomb Receives Engineer of the Year Award**

**Albany, OR —**



The National Energy Technology Laboratory is proud to announce that Albany resident Gordon Holcomb has received the 2011 Don Waters Engineer of the Year award from the Western Area of the National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE).

NACE International makes the annual award in recognition of outstanding technical contributions to the field of corrosion engineering and science. Dr. Holcomb was honored for his research on corrosion control for steel-reinforced concrete bridges—including the Yaquina Bay Bridge in Newport, Ore., the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge on the San Francisco Bay, and the Perley Bridge in Ontario, Canada—as well for materials used in natural gas pipelines and coal-fired power plants retrofitted to capture carbon dioxide in response to climate change.

Dr. Holcomb is a materials engineer with NETL's Materials Performance Division. He joined the U.S. Bureau of Mines, which later became the Albany Research Center and is now NETL, in 1988.

NETL is a U.S. Department of Energy national laboratory that produces technological solutions to America's energy challenges. For more than 100 years, the laboratory has focused on developing tools and processes to provide clean, reliable, and affordable energy to the American people. Three NETL research sites—Albany, Ore., Morgantown, W.Va., and Pittsburgh, Pa.—conduct a broad range of energy and environmental research and development activities that support DOE's mission to advance the national, economic, and energy security of the United States.

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