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Dr. Stephen E. Zitney of the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) has been awarded a Gold Award for Excellence in Science/Engineering from the Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board (FEB).

FEB held its 26th annual Excellence in Government Awards Program luncheon, where the awards were presented, at the Westin Convention Center in Pittsburgh. NETL employees took home several of the awards.

Dr. Zitney is Director of NETL's Collaboratory for Process & Dynamic Systems Research and is leading efforts to accelerate the development of innovative process systems engineering tools for designing, operating, and optimizing next-generation power plants. He grew up in West Mifflin, PA and earned M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in chemical engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a B.S. degree in chemical engineering and engineering and public policy from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. Dr. Zitney is a resident of Morgantown, WV.

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.