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The National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) has selected José Benítez as a general engineer. He will work as a project manager for the State Energy Program. Previously, he worked with the Puerto Rico Energy Affairs Administration as Associate Director for Energy, Public Policy, and Research.

Benítez grew up in San Juan, P.R. and earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, NY) and is a licensed professional engineer. He lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.

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