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Joseph M. Zambelli has been selected as a physical scientist at the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) to study carbon sequestration benefits. Previously, he worked for 16 years as an environmental planner with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's abandoned mine lands program.

Zambelli grew up in Randolph County and earned bachelors' degrees from Davis and Elkins College and West Virginia Wesleyan College in environmental science and physics, respectively. He also attended graduate school at the University of Indiana. He and his wife, Paula, live in Philippi, West Virginia.

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