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The National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) has selected Michael Knaggs as a supervisory general engineer. Knaggs, who works at NETL's Morgantown, WV, research site, will be continuing his 18-year long career as an engineer, 16 years of which have been spent at NETL. Most recently, Knaggs worked as a mechanical engineer and project manager overseeing and facilitating execution of contracts and assistance awards for conducting electric transmission system technologies research and development and conducting research and analysis of energy infrastructures.

In his new position as director of the fuels division at NETL, Knaggs will provide technical expertise and management of projects associated with the production of clean liquid fuels, hydrogen, substitute natural gas, and high-value chemicals from domestic coal-derived and coal and biomass mixture-derived synthesis gas.

A native of Elkins, WV, Knaggs currently resides in Morgantown, WV. He holds a Master of Science degree in mechanical engineering from West Virginia University and a Professional Engineer registration in the state of West Virginia.

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.