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## **NETL NEWS:**

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### **FOUR REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOLS EMERGE VICTORIOUS AS SCIENCE BOWL FINALISTS** ***Winner of Final Matches Will Compete at National Science Bowl® in DC***

Following the preliminary rounds of competition held today at the Community College of Allegheny County South Campus, four teams emerged from a field of 34 teams representing 21 regional middle schools to qualify for the championship rounds of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Science Bowl for middle schools. The final rounds of competition are scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, at the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) in South Park Township.

The winning middle school teams that will compete in the championship rounds are Chartiers Valley, Fort Couch team 1, Marshall team 1, and Marshall team 2. All four victorious teams receive funds for their schools ranging from \$500 to \$1,250, as well as other prizes. The team that wins the regional championship will receive an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in the DOE National Science Bowl® set for April 28 – May 2.

Four teams were also selected to receive Civility Awards for sportsmanship for their respective divisions. They are Ingomar team 1, Ingomar team 3, Ringgold, and Westmont Hilltop 2.

The DOE National Science Bowl is a highly publicized academic competition among teams of students who compete in a fast-paced question-and-answer format similar to *Jeopardy*. Questions asked cover math, physical science, life science, energy, earth and space, and general science. The regional and national events encourage student involvement in math and science activities, improve awareness of career options in science and technology, and provide an avenue of enrichment and reward for academic achievement.

At the DOE National Science Bowl, the winning team from the Southwestern Pennsylvania regional contest will compete with winning teams from 50 other middle school competitions held across the

nation. The winner of this year's national championship competition will receive trophies and other awards.

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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**News media from all outlets are invited to cover the final rounds of competition in this year's Southwestern Pennsylvania Science Bowl scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, at 8:30 a.m. at the National Energy Technology Laboratory in South Park Township. Those interested in covering this event are encouraged to contact David Anna at 412/386-4646 or 412/337-8553.**

Competition information will be available at <http://www.swpasciencebowl.com/>.

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