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NETL Outreach Specialist Honored with 2014 FLC Mid-Atlantic Regional STEM Award

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Lilas Soukup of the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) has been awarded a 2014 FLC Mid-Atlantic Regional STEM Award for her work furthering NETL's STEM education efforts in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Ms. Soukup leads NETL's K-12 educational outreach efforts by providing educators with resources to improve their skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Together with regional partners, including the Pittsburgh Regional Center for Science Teachers, the Society of Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh, and the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh, NETL offers teachers an opportunity to build on their knowledge of math and science through seminars, workshops, and hands-on training.

The award also recognizes Ms. Soukup's success in leveraging NETL's educational outreach efforts to provide learning opportunities directly to K-12 students and promote science education. Ms. Soukup organizes Science Lab Days, Triple "E" Seminars (Energy, Environment, and Economics), the Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Science Bowl, and an annual Earth Day poster competition.

Part of NETL's mission is to ensure a robust energy future for America by promoting STEM education among K-12 students. Through its Educational Outreach Program, NETL is providing teachers with energy-related, content-rich STEM materials needed to inspire and encourage their students to pursue STEM careers.

Ms. Soukup is a 36-year employee of NETL and has organized the Southwestern Pennsylvanian Regional Science Bowl since 1991.

The award will be presented to Ms. Soukup on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at the FLC Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, which will take place at the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies in Linthicum Heights, Maryland.

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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