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# EMSL In Brief

Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory

## EMSL Celebrates First Permanent Expansion in 10-Year History

Nearly 175 staff from the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) celebrated the first permanent expansion of the Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory (EMSL), a national scientific user facility operated by PNNL and supported by the Department of Energy's (DOE's) Office of Biological and Environmental Research.

The January 10 ribbon-cutting celebrated nearly 4,000 square feet of new floor space in the user facility's supercomputing operations area. The space is slated to accommodate a portion of EMSL's next-generation supercomputer—scheduled for operation in 2008—and the facility's data archive capabilities.

The celebration took place as the facility observes its tenth year of operation. The new floor space is the first in a series of planned expansions that EMSL will undergo in the next decade to include a radiological annex and several new office and lab spaces.

EMSL Director Allison Campbell thanked DOE for its continued support and confidence in the Laboratory to operate the user facility, and acknowledged the partnership between EMSL and PNNL's Facilities and Operations Directorate in successfully navigating the construction process.

“Through the expertise of our Facilities and Operations Directorate, the project was completed successfully and without any safety incidents,” said Campbell.

Besides Campbell, others who addressed the crowd were Jeff Day, DOE Pacific Northwest Site Office; Dave Koppelaar, PNNL Chief Research Officer; T.P. Straatsma, PNNL Computational and Information Sciences Directorate; and Larry Maples, PNNL Director of Facilities and Operations.

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*From left to right: Straatsma; Kevin Regimbal, Operations Manager of EMSL's Molecular Science Computing Facility, who helped cut the ribbon; Campbell; Koppelaar; Day; and Maples. The ribbon was cut with the giant scissors used at the original ribbon-cutting ceremony of EMSL a decade ago.*

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