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EMSL In Brief

Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory

EMSL Researcher Honored for Safety Role

A scientist from the Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory (EMSL) was honored by the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) as the first-ever Cognizant Space Manager of the Year.

Jim Follansbee, a staff member in EMSL's Instrument Development Laboratory, has been responsible for several laboratory areas in EMSL since the user facility opened in 1997. During this time, he has maintained an accident-free environment within these spaces—which are used frequently by PNNL staff, visiting users, and local students. He was honored on September 12 at a luncheon and awards ceremony.

Cognizant space managers are assigned to monitor safety in PNNL's work spaces where potentially hazardous work is performed. They are responsible for making sure that only authorized individuals access the space, authorized users have the appropriate training based on work to be performed, and work spaces are operated in compliance with PNNL requirements. PNNL has more than 300 cognizant space managers who are responsible for safe operations in work spaces across the Laboratory in addition to their responsibilities as researchers.

In addition to his role as cognizant space manager, Follansbee has served on EMSL's Safety Committee for the past 9 years and has been an active contributor to PNNL's Electrical Safety Committee. He was among nine PNNL staff members nominated for the award, which also included EMSL scientist Paul Gassman.

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EMSL scientist Jim Follansbee, right, was named PNNL Cognizant Space Manager of the Year. He was presented with the award on September 12 by Mike Schlender, Deputy Laboratory Director for Operations.

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