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# EMSL *In Brief*

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## Saraf, Gephart Recognized for Laboratory Safety

Two EMSL staff members were recognized by the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) for demonstrating exemplary performance in their roles as cognizant space manager and technical group manager.

Lax Saraf, a scientist in EMSL's Interfacial and Nanoscale Science Facility, was named EMSL's 2005 Cognizant Space Manager of the Year. Saraf serves as cognizant space manager or delegate for several EMSL laboratories with varied capabilities and hazards. He was recognized for his outstanding leadership in identifying high-risk situations and taking the necessary actions to control those situations with the appropriate assistance.

Roy Gephart, Technical Group Leader of EMSL's Chemistry and Physics of Complex Systems Facility, was named EMSL's 2005 Technical Group Manager of the Year. He demonstrated strong leadership skills by providing his staff with a safe work environment and communicating his dedication to safety with each individual in this environment.

Cognizant space managers play a vital role in managing the risks of experimental work and helping PNNL achieve outstanding operational performance. Technical group managers actively support their cognizant space managers and effectively implement their responsibility to provide a safe workplace. Both of these roles bolster PNNL's commitment to a safe workplace.

"By overseeing and taking an active role in staff safety, these two individuals serve as excellent role models for staff," said Monty Rosbach, EMSL Operations Manager who nominated the pair.

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