Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee December 14, 2023: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM ET

The Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC) convened the fifth meeting under its 2022 - 2024 charter from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET on December 14, 2023. The meeting was held virtually.

ETTAC Members Present:

- Ms. Dana Blumberg
- Mr. Chuck Chaitovitz
- Ms. Lina Chiaverini
- Ms. Anne Germain
- Ms. Cynthia Hartley
- Mr. Max Herzog
- Mr. Rick Hill
- Ms. Tasha Jamaluddin
- Ms. Debra Johnson
- Mr. Ajay Kasarabada
- Mr. Carlos Lemos
- Mr. Joshua Mahan
- Mr. Jim Mahtaru
- Mr. Ashish Raval
- Ms. Clare Schulzki
- Mr. Stephen Strachan
- Mr. John Trofatter
- Ms. Pauli Undesser
- Mr. Craig Updyke
- Mr. Roberto Vengoechea
- Mr. George Vorsheim
- Mr. Sean Wihera
- Dr. Peter Zemek

Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA) Officials Present:

Megan Hyndman, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), ETTAC

Victoria Yue, International Trade Specialist, OEEI

Alec Hilton, International Trade Specialist, OEEI

Evelina Scott, International Trade Specialist, OEEI

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Welcome and Committee Business

DFO Hyndman and ETTAC Chair Schulzki welcomed the committee members and motioned to begin the meeting. DFO Hyndman provided an overview of the agenda and noted the purpose of the meeting was to deliberate on draft recommendations.

Discussion of the Draft Recommendation on Low-Energy Water and Wastewater Treatment and Reuse

Members of the Climate, Emerging Technology & Innovation Subcommittee summarized the purpose of the recommendation letter, which requests the Department of Commerce to convene a roundtable to advance export opportunities for low-energy wastewater treatment and water reuse technologies. In reviewing the draft, the committee discussed how the roundtable could potentially address financing challenges for the wastewater treatment and water reuse sector and deliberated on the target audience and desired outcomes of the roundtable. Members agreed to continue providing their edits and comments to the draft with the aim of approving the letter in the January 2024 ETTAC meeting.

Discussion of the Draft Recommendation on the 45Q Tax Credits and Rules

Members of the Climate, Emerging Technology & Innovation Subcommittee summarized the recommendation, which requests the Department of Commerce to undertake a comparative analysis between U.S. and European carbon credit systems. The draft letter also offers suggestions on how to revise the U.S. 45Q tax credit program to ensure a level playing field for carbon capture technologies. The committee made a few suggested edits and agreed that the letter should be broadened to include carbon management technologies. Members will continue to provide edits to the draft with the aim of approving the letter in the January 2024 ETTAC meeting.

Public Comment & Adjournment

Megan Hyndman

Clark Schulzke

There were no public comments. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing meeting minutes are accurate and complete.

Megan Hyndman

Designated Federal Officer

Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee

Clare Schulzki

Chair

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