

Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC)
September 9, 2025; 10:00 am – 3:30pm EST
Virtual

The Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC) convened the sixth meeting under its 2024 – 2026 charter from 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM EST on September 9, 2025. The meeting was held virtually.

ETTAC Members Present:

Mr. James (Tres) Bailey	Mr. Joshua Mahan
Ms. Dana Blumberg	Mr. Jim Matharu
Dr. Rastislav Brezny	Mr. David Moth
Mr. Dennis Calvert	Ms. Kristyn Oldendorf
Mr. Thomas Cavett	Mr. Ashish Raval
Mr. Chuck Chaitovitz	Mr. Eric Reading
Mr. Henry Charrabé	Mr. Jonathan Roumel
Ms. Lina Chiaverini	Ms. Clare Schulzki
Mr. John Corrigan	Mr. Adam Shaffer
Mr. Joseph Danyluk	Mr. Scott South
Mr. Scott Daughtery	Mr. Claudio Ternieden
Ms. Anne Germain	Mr. Craig Updyke
Mr. Max Herzog	Mr. Roberto Vengoechea
Mr. Patrick Hill	Ms. Ashley Voskuhl
Ms. Debra Johnson	Mr. Sean Wihera
Mr. Ajay Kasarabada	Mr. David Yellen
Mr. Jay Koh	

Department of Commerce Officials Present:

Megan Hyndman, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), ETTAC
Evelina Scott, Secondary DFO & International Trade Specialist, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries (OEEI)
Anna Cron, International Trade Specialist, OEEI
Nicholas Thomas, U.S. Commercial Service

Other U.S. Government Officials Present:

Brianna Besch, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Brian Dye, EPA
Sarah Bonner, Small Business Administration
Joshua Boyce, Department of State
Charles Pritchard, Department of State
Jeanny Chong, Department of the Treasury
Michael Jarand, Department of the Treasury
Jorge Pardo, National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Members of the Public Present:

Margaret Spiegelman, Inside U.S. Trade
Karen Edwards, KCE Group, United Soybean Board
Matthew Wolverton, Solar Energy Industries Association
Laila Sukkariyyah, Water Environment Federation

September 9th MEETING MINUTES**Welcome and Committee Business**

Designated Federal Officer (DFO) Megan Hyndman and ETTAC Chair Clare Schulzki welcomed committee members and began the meeting. The meeting minutes from the ETTAC June 3rd and July 25th meetings were approved.

Subcommittee Readouts

ETTAC subcommittees provided readouts from their subcommittee meetings in August and discussed priority topics and key areas of focus for future recommendation letters.

Briefing on Mexico and Canada

ITA's Mexico and Canada desk officers, Gabriel Esteves and Julie Maslanka, provided updates, noting that Secretary Lutnick and the ITA team have been meeting with their counterparts in Mexico and Canada over the last couple of months to discuss issues such as the trade deficit, resolving trade barriers, and improving general market conditions. They flagged that the USMCA Implementation Act mandated a 6-year review process. The ETTAC briefly discussed ideas for possible industry comments, such as on the topic of environmental standards harmonization, and discussed revisiting the ETTAC's 2017 recommendation letter on NAFTA modernization, which could inform the committee's considerations of new recommendations for the USMCA.

Briefing on Advancing U.S. Leadership in Data Center Development

Two specialists from ITA, Lauren Baker from the Office of Digital and Emerging Technology Services, and Lauren Molina from the Office of Information & Communication Technologies, provided an overview of how the Department of Commerce is leading efforts to strengthen U.S. leadership in AI infrastructure and data center development in response to the [Executive Order on Promoting The Export of the American AI Technology Stack](#) and [America's AI Action Plan](#). Key efforts include launching an AI Export Program to promote U.S. AI technologies globally by working with industry to develop adaptable, full-stack solutions tailored to international markets. ETTAC members discussed how environmental technologies can support these efforts by addressing the environmental and infrastructure challenges associated with rapid AI and data center deployment, including enabling more efficient and cost-effective water and waste management.

Working Lunch & Closed Session Subcommittee Meetings

ETTAC members broke out into their respective subcommittees and discussed their priorities and areas of engagement.

Briefing on How ITA Supports U.S. Companies at the Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs)

Belen Gallegos, ITA's Senior Commercial Liaison for the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) presented on how U.S. companies can leverage ITA's support, through liaison offices stationed with the MDBs, to identify procurement opportunities and seek financing. She focused on the IDB, highlighting tools like the Build the Americas and BID for the Americas apps, which showcase infrastructure and consulting opportunities, particularly in energy, transport, and water and sanitation. Ms. Gallegos also highlighted two upcoming opportunities for U.S. industry engagement: the IDB's BID for the [America's Training and Networking Virtual Conference](#) (September 23–26) and the ADB Business Opportunities Fair in Manila (September 16–18).

Draft Recommendation Discussion & Approval

The committee deliberated on three draft recommendation letters. The Enabling Innovative Technologies Subcommittee presented on the draft *Recommendations Regarding Trade Agreement Negotiations to Support U.S. Exports of Innovative Environmental Technologies*, which outlines ways to build on existing agreements with the United Kingdom and European Union by implementing and expanding commitments to eliminate non-tariff barriers for U.S. environmental technology exports. The committee reviewed the letter, made final edits, and then approved the letter as drafted.

The same subcommittee then presented on the draft *Strategic Policy Recommendations to Secure U.S. Leadership in Next-Generation Industrial and Resource Technologies*. After some discussion and proposed edits, Chair Schulzki recommended that due to time limitations and the need for additional discussion, voting to approve the letter be postponed to a later date. The committee agreed.

The committee moved on to the third letter, with the Export Competitiveness and National Security Subcommittee presenting on *Recommendations for Enhanced U.S. Leadership and Investment in Global Water Security*, which provides a set of recommendations aimed at enhancing the competitiveness of U.S. water technologies, supporting national security, and building water resilience globally. The committee reviewed the letter, made final edits, and then approved the letter as drafted.

ITA Updates

Secondary DFO Scott highlighted upcoming ITA trade activities and events for the environmental technologies sector and provided a brief update on the Office of Energy and Environmental Industries (OEEI)'s ongoing supply chain research for key environmental technologies. She also highlighted a U.S. industry listing that OEEI is beginning to develop with interagency partners to promote U.S. providers of technologies across the water and wastewater treatment, waste management and recycling, and air quality monitoring and control sectors.

Next Steps, Public Comment

Secondary DFO Scott and ETTAC Chair Schulzki discussed next steps in the lead up to the next full ETTAC meeting on December 9th, including potentially scheduling an ad hoc meeting to approve additional recommendation letters. No issues were raised during the public comment period. The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

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
Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee