

Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC)
December 9, 2025; 10:00 am – 2:30pm EST
Virtual

The Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC) convened the sixth meeting under its 2024 – 2026 charter from 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM EST on December 9, 2025. The meeting was held virtually.

ETTAC Members Present:

Mr. James (Tres) Bailey	Mr. Jay Koh
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 Daugherty	Mr. Craig Updyke
Ms. Anne Germain	Mr. Roberto Vengoechea
Mr. Max Herzog	Ms. Ashley Voskuhl
Mr. Patrick Hill	Mr. Sean Wihera
Ms. Debra Johnson	Mr. David Yellen
Mr. Ajay Kasarabada	

Department of Commerce Officials Present:

Evelina Scott, Secondary DFO & International Trade Specialist, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries (OEEI)
Anna Cron, International Trade Specialist, OEEI
Nicholas Thomas, International Trade Specialist, OEEI
Frances Selema, Global Environmental Technologies Team Lead, U.S. Commercial Service
Jorge Prado, Senior Commercial Specialist, Foreign Commercial Service

Other U.S. Government Officials Present:

Brianna Besch, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Brian Dye, EPA
Nicole Melnyk, Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM)
Jennifer Powell, U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC)

Members of the Public Present:

Margaret Spiegelman, Inside U.S. Trade

December 9th MEETING MINUTES

Welcome and Committee Business

Secondary Designated Federal Officer (DFO) Evelina Scott and ETTAC Chair Clare Schulzki welcomed committee members and began the meeting. The meeting minutes from the ETTAC September 9th meeting were approved.

Subcommittee Readouts

ETTAC subcommittees provided readouts from the subcommittee meetings that occurred since the September ETTAC meeting and discussed priority topics and key areas of focus for future recommendation letters.

Briefing: Working with ITA at Trade Events – Expo Agua Highlight

Foreign Commercial Service Senior Commercial Specialist Jorge Prado provided an overview of the Expo Agua Trade Event Partnership Program (TEPP) held in Lima, Peru in October 2025. This TEPP included a matchmaking component for U.S. environmental technologies businesses to meet with Peruvian counterparts. Additionally, the US delegation toured *PTAR Taboada*, the largest wastewater treatment plant in Lima, learning about how the plant functions, its needs, and upcoming projects occurring at the plant. On the second day of the program, the U.S. Embassy in Peru organized a networking reception in conjunction with AmCham Peru, celebrating 200 years of U.S.-Peru relations. Two ETTAC member companies, Aquatech & Steven's Water Monitoring Systems, attended the Expo Agua delegation and shared some feedback on the program from the private sector perspective.

ITA Environmental Technologies Global Team Lead Frances Selema discussed how ITA is hoping to replicate Expo Agua programming again next year. Additionally, Ms. Selema provided an overview on the U.S. Commercial Service and urged ETTAC members to reach out to a U.S. Export Assistance Center with any interest in exploring new global markets and trade shows.

Working Lunch & Closed Session Subcommittee Meetings

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

Readout from DOC/EPA on December 4th Environmental Trade Working Group (ETWG) Leadership Meeting

Secondary DFO Scott and Brian Dye, International Environmental Protection Specialist for the EPA, gave a brief readout of the December 4th ETWG Leadership Meeting. Secondary DFO Scott noted that the meeting was co-led by ITA Deputy Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing Alex Krutz and EPA's Assistant Administrator Usha Turner with participation from leadership from across the ETWG agencies. She highlighted the ETWG's robust discussion of the ETTAC's recommendations in the current charter, noting there was a recognition that the ETWG is a valuable group for cross-agency collaboration. The December 4th discussion touched on ideas for collaboration in 2026 and there are a few topics for which ITA will explore coordinating additional interagency briefings for the ETTAC. Mr. Dye provided an overview of EPA's "5 Pillars Initiative", which includes the following: Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American; Restore American Energy Dominance; Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism,

and Cross-Agency Partnership; Make the United States the Artificial Intelligence Capital of the World; Protecting and Bringing Back American Auto Jobs. He noted there are a number of synergies between the pillars and the ETTAC's recommendations.

Briefing: Advanced Manufacturing with Environmental Technologies

ITA International Trade Specialist Anna Cron presented on an ITA research initiative building upon the ETTAC's recommendation on *Recognizing the Environmental Technologies Sector as an Important America First Trade Policy Sector Critical to National Security*. The presentation focused on how environmental technologies fit into five priority categories: semiconductors; data centers; energy dominance; critical minerals; maritime/shipyards development. The goal of this research is to identify major US manufacturers of environmental technologies and highlight gaps in the domestic supply chain.

ETTAC Members raised questions about the use of terminology in this research as it pertains to air purification and emissions control. Additionally, ETTAC members provided comments about how specific advanced technologies, including desalination and ion resin exchange, should be included in this research.

Draft Recommendation Discussion & Approval

The committee deliberated on two draft recommendation letters. The Enabling Innovative Technologies Subcommittee presented on the draft *Strategic Policy Recommendations to Secure U.S. Leadership in Next-Generation Industrial and Resource Technologies*, which outlines ways to pivot from a compliance-driven focus to an enablement-driven innovation strategy to accelerate U.S. leadership in emerging strategic technologies. The committee reviewed the letter, made final edits, and then approved the letter as drafted.

Next, the Export Competitiveness and National Security Subcommittee presented its draft letter, *U.S. Environmental Technologies Critical to Successfully Implementing America's AI Action Plan*, which highlights how U.S. environmental technologies play a pivotal role in developing AI and data center infrastructure. The committee reviewed the letter, made final edits, and then approved the letter as drafted.

ITA Updates

Secondary DFO Scott noted that ITA will be sending out a mid-charter survey to the committee to gather feedback that can help staff improve ETTAC processes. The deadline for this survey is mid-January. ETTAC Chair Schulzki emphasized the importance of completing this survey to the committee.

Global Environmental Technologies Team Leader Frances Selema briefed the ETTAC on current trade leads and opportunities, emphasizing current opportunities for micro tunneling in Pakistan and water infrastructure in Jordan. Ms. Selema also noted that an Asian Development Bank is proposing a delegation in June to California and Washington, DC to attend the American Water Workers Association Annual Conference & Expo. Finally, Ms. Selema mentioned the developing Coal and Mining Export Initiative which will encompass technologies that support the coal and mining industries.

Next Steps, Public Comment

Secondary DFO Scott and ETTAC Chair Schulzki discussed next steps leading up to the next full ETTAC meeting on February 3rd and encouraged subcommittees to meet in January.

Margaret Spiegelman, *Inside US Trade*, asked for more information on the Coal and Mining Export Initiative; Frances Selema agreed to follow up to provide more information. Ms. Spiegelman also asked if the committee could say more about the topic of open data. The Export Competitiveness and National Security subcommittee chair noted that open data is an important issue to the subcommittee. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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

Evelina Scott
Secondary Designated Federal Officer
Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee

Clare Schulzki
Chair
Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee