

Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC)
February 3, 2026; 10:00 am – 3:15 pm EST
Virtual

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

ETTAC Members Present:

Mr. James (Tres) Bailey	Ms. Stephanie Lezcano
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. Roderick Scott
Ms. Anne Germain	Mr. Scott South
Mr. Max Herzog	Mr. Craig Updyke
Mr. Patrick Hill	Mr. Roberto Vengoechea
Ms. Debra Johnson	Mr. Sean Wihera
Mr. Ajay Kasarabada	Mr. David Yellen
Mr. Jay Koh	

Department of Commerce Officials Present:

Megan Hyndman, DFO & Natural Resources Team Lead, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries (OEEI)

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

Adam O'Malley, Office Director, OEEI

Frances Selema, Global Environmental Technologies Team Lead, U.S. Commercial Service

Jamie Merriman, Senior International Trade Specialist, Office of the Under Secretary

Eli Lovely, Commercial Officer, Advocacy Center

Dominique Duval-Diop, Chief Data Officer, Department of Commerce

Tony LaVoi, Chief Data Officer, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Joe Fillingham, Data Governance Lead and Assistant Chief Data Officer, NOAA

Elle Chang, Senior International Affairs Specialist, NOAA

Other U.S. Government Officials Present:

Andrew Clark, Department of State

Hope Bigda-Peyton, Department of State

Joshua Boyce, Department of State
Brian Dye, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Members of the Public Present:

David LaRoss, Inside U.S. Trade
Susi Ricker, Water and Wastewater Equipment Manufacturers Association

February 3rd 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 December 9th meeting were approved.

Subcommittee Readouts

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

Briefing: U.S. Government Export Finance Tools & Resources

Jay Koh, co-chair of the Export Competitiveness and National Security Subcommittee, provided an overview of the ETTAC's July 2025 *Recommendation on Bundling Export Financing with U.S. Environmental Technology Offerings to Increase American Competitiveness* letter to the guest speakers, Foreign Commercial Officer Eli Lovely of the Department of Commerce's Advocacy Center and Deputy Director Andrew Clark of the Department of State's Office of Environmental Quality.

Mr. Clark briefed the ETTAC on how the Department of State works closely with other U.S. Government financing agencies, including the Export-Import Bank of the U.S. (EXIM), U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA), Millenium Challenge Corporation (MCC), and International Development Finance Corporation (DFC). Additionally, Mr. Clark stressed how the Department of State coordinates with these federal agencies to review projects at Multilateral Development Banks to ensure they are aligned with U.S. policies.

Mr. Lovely explained how the Advocacy Center's government-to-government engagement supports U.S. exporters bidding on foreign government tenders. Additionally, Mr. Lovely provided an overview of the Advocacy Center's new Strategic Transactions Advocacy Track (STAT) program to counter foreign adversaries and promote U.S. solutions with foreign governments. STAT supports U.S. companies pursuing overseas investments of strategic value and enables the Advocacy Center to coordinate on projects that shore up supply chains and contribute to the U.S. industrial base.

Mid-Charter Survey Results & ITA Updates

Evelina Scott, Secondary Designated Federal Officer, provided a readout of the ETTAC mid-charter survey results. Secondary DFO Scott presented an analysis of the results and provided insight into the response data. An open discussion on the survey results followed, and ETTAC

members provided additional feedback and recommendations on how to shape the future of the Committee.

Global Environmental Technologies Team Leader Frances Selema briefed the ETTAC on current trade leads and events, emphasizing opportunities for environmental technologies companies to participate in Commercial Service-led matchmaking events at World Mining Congress 2026, which will be taking place in Peru in June. Additionally, Ms. Selema previewed a March 19th webinar highlighting opportunities in the water infrastructure sector in Brazil. Finally, Ms. Selema reminded the ETTAC to consider [signing up for ITA's monthly environmental technologies industry newsletter](#).

Working Lunch & Closed Session Subcommittee Meetings

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

Draft Recommendation Discussion & Approval

The committee deliberated on one draft recommendation letter. The Export Competitiveness and National Security Subcommittee presented on the draft *Recommendations from the ETTAC on Supporting U.S. Manufacturers of Recycled Plastic*, which urges the Department of Commerce to investigate and address unfair trade practices, including potential dumping of dubious recycled materials. The committee reviewed the letter, made final edits, and then approved the letter as drafted.

Next Steps, Public Comment

DFO Hyndman and Chair Schulzki discussed next steps leading up to the next full ETTAC meeting on April 28th and encouraged subcommittees to meet in March. They flagged that an ad-hoc virtual ETTAC meeting will be tentatively held on June 16th to deliberate recommendation letters. Finally, DFO Hyndman urged ETTAC members to submit all new briefing requests by February 16th.

There were no public comments.

Briefing: Open Data Policy

Dominique Duval-Diop, Chief Data Officer, Department of Commerce and Tony LaVoi, Chief Data Officer, NOAA, [briefed the ETTAC on the Department of Commerce and NOAA's open data policy framework](#).

Ms. Duval-Diop provided opening remarks on the Department of Commerce's data resources and its approach to open data. Mr. LaVoi discussed NOAA's Open Data and Policy Framework, describing how NOAA collects and utilizes data and makes it available to a wide array of users and the public. He stressed that NOAA's data is open by default, with only a very small percentage of data unavailable to the public. He emphasized the importance of open licenses to maximize the value of data. He also summarized the main legal statutes relevant to open data and provided some examples of NOAA's data dissemination platforms. Finally, Mr. LaVoi discussed the current challenges and opportunities for data sharing and highlighted how NOAA partners frequently with private industry to supplement government data.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

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

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Megan Hyndman
Designated Federal Officer
Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee

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Clare Schulzki
Chair
Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee