

Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC)
May 26, 2026; 11:00 am – 1:00pm EDT
Virtual

The Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC) convened the tenth meeting under its 2024 – 2026 charter from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM EDT on May 26, 2026. The meeting was held virtually.

ETTAC Members Present:

Mr. James (Tres) Bailey	Mr. Jay Koh
Ms. Dana Blumberg	Ms. Stephanie Lezcano
Dr. Rastislav Brezny	Mr. David Moth
Mr. Dennis Calvert	Ms. Kristyn Oldendorf
Mr. Thomas Cavett	Mr. Jonathan Roumel
Mr. Chuck Chaitovitz	Mr. Adam Shaffer
Mr. Henry Charrabé	Mr. Scott South
Ms. Lina Chiaverini	Mr. Claudio Ternieden
Mr. John Corrigan	Mr. Craig Updyke
Mr. Joseph Danyluk	Mr. Roberto Vengoechea
Mr. Scott Daugherty	Ms. Ashley Voskuhl
Ms. Anne Germain	Mr. Sean Wihera
Ms. Debra Johnson	Mr. David Yellen
Mr. Ajay Kasarabada	

Department of Commerce Officials Present:

Andrew Farquharson, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Manufacturing
Megan Hyndman, DFO & Natural Resources Team Lead, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries (OEEI)
Evelina Scott, Secondary DFO & International Trade Specialist, OEEI
Anna Cron, International Trade Specialist, OEEI
Nicholas Thomas, International Trade Specialist, OEEI
Adam O'Malley, Office Director, OEEI
Man Cho, Deputy Office Director & Energy Team Lead, OEEI
Jamie Merriman, Acting Director, Office of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee Secretariat

Members of the Public Present:

Margaret Spiegelman, Inside U.S. Trade
Nick Lombardo, ClearPath

May 26th MEETING MINUTES

Welcome and Committee Business

Designated Federal Officer (DFO) Megan Hyndman and ETTAC Vice Co-Chairs Lina Chiaverini and Ajay Kasarabada welcomed committee members and began the meeting.

Draft Recommendation Discussion & Approval

The committee deliberated six draft recommendation letters over the course of the meeting. The Enabling Innovative Technologies Subcommittee presented on the draft *Strategic Policy Recommendations to Expand U.S. Leadership in Data Center Related Technologies and Services*, which highlights ways the U.S. can strengthen its leadership and export competitiveness in AI-driven data center infrastructure through expanded support for advanced cooling, water reuse, energy storage, and next-generation thermal technologies. The committee reviewed the letter, made final edits, and approved the letter as drafted.

The committee moved on to the second letter, with the Supply Chain Resilience, Circularity, and Efficiency subcommittee presenting on *Urgent Action Needed to Stabilize Global Tungsten, AMT, and APT Supply Chains*. The letter emphasizes the strategic importance of tungsten to the environmental technologies industry and outlines approaches for strengthening U.S. supply chain resilience through expanded domestic processing, recycling, allied sourcing, and critical mineral coordination. The committee reviewed the letter, made final edits, and approved the letter as drafted.

The committee moved on to the third letter, with the Export Competitiveness & National Security subcommittee presenting on the draft *Modernizing U.S. Environmental Data Policy to Protect Commercial Innovation, Strengthen National Security, and Sustain the Public Good*, which calls for advancing cross-border data flows, reducing barriers to digital trade, and strengthening U.S. competitiveness through international data governance frameworks. The committee reviewed the letter, made final edits, and approved the letter as drafted.

The committee then deliberated on the fourth letter, with the Export Competitiveness & National Security subcommittee presenting on the draft *Recommendations on Advancing U.S. Leadership and Engagement in Water Security*. Following on the September 2025 recommendation for *Enhanced U.S. Global Leadership and Investment in Global Water Security*, this letter underscores the strong economic, commercial, and strategic interest of the United States in actively engaging in the 2026 United Nations Water Conference, which is scheduled for December 2026. The letter notes how engagement at the Conference would align with the America First Trade Policy Agenda and highlights how proactive engagement would advance U.S. commercial leadership and influence in a sector critical to global stability. The committee reviewed the letter, made final edits, and approved the letter as drafted.

Introduction & Welcome Remarks by Deputy Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing Andy Farquharson

DFO Megan Hyndman introduced Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing (ADAS) Andy Farquharson to the ETTAC. ADAS Farquharson provided remarks to the ETTAC, speaking to the role environmental technologies play in supporting America's manufacturing base, infrastructure development, and long-term economic competitiveness.

Committee members then introduced themselves and their respective companies. In addition, subcommittee leads provided an overview of their respective subcommittees.

Draft Recommendation Discussion & Approval

Following the introductory session with ADAS Farquharson, the committee resumed their deliberation of the final two draft recommendation letters. The Export Competitiveness & National Security Subcommittee presented on the draft *Recommendations on Basel Convention Commercial Interests*, which raises concerns about the commercial impacts of proposed Basel Convention trade restrictions and advocates for policies that protect U.S. recycling, manufacturing, and export competitiveness. The committee reviewed the letter, made final edits, and approved the letter as drafted.

The committee moved on to the sixth letter, with the Export Competitiveness & National Security Subcommittee presenting on the *Recommendations on Environmental Technology SMBs Competitiveness*, which recommends expanding export support, financing access, and regulatory coordination to help small and medium-sized businesses compete more effectively in global markets and strengthen U.S. export growth. The committee reviewed the letter, made final edits, and approved the letter as drafted.

Next Steps, Public Comment

DFO Hyndman and the ETTAC Vice Co-chairs discussed next steps leading up to the ETTAC meeting on July 14th and encouraged subcommittees to meet over the next month. Additionally, DFO Hyndman noted two items: The ETTAC will be recruiting for its 2026-2028 charter, and ITA will be sending out an end-of-charter survey to the committee to gather feedback that will assist in shaping future charters of the ETTAC. More information about recruitment for the 2026-2028 ETTAC charter and the end-of-charter survey is forthcoming. No public comments were raised. The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 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