

Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC)
July 26, 2022, 10:00am – 1:00pm EST
U.S. Department of Commerce

The Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC) convened its seventh and final meeting under its 2020-2022 charter at 10:00 a.m. EDT on July 26, 2022. The meeting was held in-person and via Microsoft Teams.

ETTAC Members Present

Mr. Jack Adams	Ms. Debra Johnson
Mr. Dean Amhaus	Ms. Vanessa Leiby
Mr. Randy Baerg	Mr. Carlos Lemos
Mr. David Biderman	Mr. Jim Matharu
Ms. Dana Blumberg	Dr. David Rigby
Mr. Chuck Chaitovitz	Ms. Clare Schulzki
Mr. Bill Decker	Ms. Paula Soos
Mr. Tom Frankel	Mr. Stephen Strachan
Ms. Anne Germain	Mr. Craig Updyke
Mr. Rick Hill	Mr. Roberto Vengoechea
Ms. Tasha Jamaluddin	Mr. George Vorsheim

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

Marisa Lago, Under Secretary for International Trade
Grant Harris, Assistant Secretary, I&A
Man Cho, Deputy Director, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries (OEEI)
Adam O'Malley, Director, OEEI
Victoria Yue, OEEI
Lina Scott, OEEI
Makaila Ranges, OEEI
Anne Ahrendsen, OEEI
Ryan Russell, Global Environmental Technologies Team Lead
Francys Veras, Office of Supply Chain and Professional Business Services
Erik Lenz, Office of Financial and Insurance Industries

Other U.S. Government Officials Present:

Jane Nishida, Assistant Administrator for International and Tribal Affairs, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Megan Barnhart, EPA
Paulo Almeida, EPA
Lia Yohannes, EPA
Rachel Westrate, EPA
John Thompson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment, Department of State
Jenny Craig, Department of State
Mirea Lynton Grotz, Director of the International Affairs Trade and Investment Policy Office, Department of the Treasury
Morgan Smith, Department of the Treasury

Timothy Mills, Department of the Treasury
Logan Norton, Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS)
Jamelah Murrell, BIS
Caitlin Blair, NOAA
Bradford Simmons, Department of Energy
Samuel Browne, Department of Energy
Jennifer Powell, U.S. International Trade Commission
Ben Campbell, Millennium Challenge Corporation

Welcome and Committee Business

ETTAC Chair Bill Decker called the final meeting of the 2020-2022 charter to order. DFO Victoria Yue briefly went through the agenda for the meeting and the materials provided to each participant. The committee approved the minutes from the last meeting on May 17 as written.

Chair Decker introduced the chairs for this meeting: Assistant Secretary Grant Harris from the International Trade Administration (ITA) and Assistant Administrator Jane Nishida from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Presentation of ETTAC Recommendations to Assistant Secretary Harris

Assistant Secretary Harris provided opening remarks. Next, Chuck Chaitovitz (U.S. Chamber of Commerce) presented on the recommendations put forward by the Trade Policy and Export Competitiveness (TPEC) Subcommittee during the current charter, including on Buy America, Kigali Amendment ratification, the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework, and multilateral development bank procurements. Debra Johnson (Eco-Edge) and Tasha Jamaluddin (Epcon Industrial Systems) then provided an overview of the priorities of the Climate Change Mitigation and Resilience Technologies (CCMAR) subcommittee over the course of the charter, including on energy transition metals, environmental technologies supply chain discussions, and the climate change sector understanding (CCSU). Lastly, David Biderman (Solid Waste Association of North America) provided an overview of the Waste Management and Circular Economy (WMCE) subcommittee priorities, including closing dumpsites, joining the Basel Convention, and supporting a United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) plastics treaty.

ETTAC – ETWG Joint Discussion of Implementation of ETTAC Recommendations

The co-chairs of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee Environmental Trade Working Group (TPCC-ETWG) Assistant Secretary Harris (ITA) and Assistant Administrator Nishida (U.S. EPA) provided opening remarks before addressing each of the ETTAC's 13 discrete recommendations by topic. Representatives from the Departments of State, Energy, and Treasury also provided responses to the ETTAC's recommendations. After which, Committee members and speakers engaged in discussion and Q&A. ITA's Under Secretary for International Trade, Marisa Lago, provided remarks on the significance of the U.S. environmental technologies industry and the Administration's commitment to evening the playing field for U.S. companies competing internationally. The ETWG co-chairs ended the session with brief closing remarks that acknowledged the importance of the input that the ETTAC recommendations provide and thanked the Committee for its efforts.

Discussion of the Final Membership Survey Results & Re-chartering Process

DFO Yue led a presentation reviewing the final ETTAC Membership Survey results. The discussion highlighted the Committee's largely positive response despite the disruption of the global pandemic and focused on how to improve member retention and enhance the advisory committee experience through digital tools going forward. DFO Yue also reviewed the ETTAC re-chartering process and next steps regarding recruitment for the 2022-2024 charter.

Public Comment

No issues were raised for public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 P.M.

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

Victoria Yue
Designated Federal Officer
Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee

Bill Decker
Chair
Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee