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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

To: University Researchers and Entrepreneurs Interested in Environmental Technologies

On behalf of Region V of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, I would like to invite you and other colleagues to an in-person meeting and simultaneous web seminar: **Emerging Drivers for Cleantech: An EPA-University and Entrepreneur Roundtable**. The meeting will be held on October 26, 2009 from 10 to 12:30 p.m. CDT in the Loop in Chicago.

The purpose of the meeting is to briefly explain EPA's interests in the introduction of new environmental technologies, describe existing programs that can assist in the commercialization of such technologies, and outline some current technology needs and future regulatory drivers for environmental technologies. The attached agenda outlines the several relatively short background presentations about available assistance resources followed by the main discussion of a snapshot of environmental technology needs and a draft digest of projected regulations that could drive new markets. This meeting is the second of two with similar content; the first was held with members of the venture capital and angel investor community in our six state region.

As further background for this forum, EPA recognizes the important contributions that new technologies have made in the past to the pace of environmental improvement. Accelerating the pace of such innovation holds great promise for many of our new challenges. Building on an outside advisory committee's recommendations (and a subsequent meeting in November 2008)*, EPA first sought out investors to hear whether and how we can sharpen their understanding of current needs and future market opportunities for environmental technologies. Responding to feedback on the design for that meeting, it was logical to reach out to the sources of new ideas and innovative thinking to make sure that you and your colleagues were both aware of some current and emerging needs for new technology development, but also the assets that EPA and others have available to assist such efforts.

The meeting will be held in our downtown office at 77 W. Jackson Blvd. (corner of Jackson and Clark), 12th Floor, Lake Michigan Room, Chicago. To attend the meeting in person or via web seminar, please register at: <http://www.clu-in.org/studio/cleantech2> and indicate your preference. We will send out information on EPA technology needs and regulatory drivers to the list of registrants about 10 days before the meeting for you and your colleagues to review in advance. If you have further questions about the meeting, please feel free to contact me (312-886-0147) or our Regional Scientist, Carole Braverman, (braverman.carole@epa.gov) at 312-353-7359.

We look forward to your participation in the roundtable and hearing your views on working more closely with the university and entrepreneur communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Walter W. Kovalick, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Walter W. Kovalick, Jr.
Acting Deputy Regional Administrator

*<http://www.epa.gov/etop/pubs/600r08043.pdf> – esp. Executive Summary