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To: Interested Cleantech Investors:

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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 Investments: An EPA-Investor Roundtable**. The meeting will be held on September 24, 2009 from 10 to 12 noon CDT in the Loop in Chicago.

The purpose of the meeting is to briefly explain EPA's current efforts to support the introduction of new environmental technologies, outline some current technology needs and future regulatory drivers, and, most importantly, get your feedback on the best ways to continue a dialogue with investors who follow the cleantech "space". Because we know your time is extremely valuable, the attached agenda outlines several relatively short background presentations, followed by the main discussion of environmental technology needs and of a draft digest of projected regulations that could drive new markets. We are grateful to have three panelists from the investment community from across our six state Great Lakes region to start the discussion rolling.

As further background for this roundtable, 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 headquarters and several regional offices are seeking out investors to hear whether and how we can sharpen the understanding of current needs and future market opportunities for environmentally related technologies.

If you wish to attend in person, the meeting will be held at our downtown offices at 77 W. Jackson Blvd. (corner of Jackson and Clark), Room 1932, Chicago, IL. If you are coming, please send an email to [palmer.michele@epa.gov](mailto:palmer.michele@epa.gov) as we will be sending out handouts on technology needs and regulatory drivers a few days in advance of the meeting in order to give you time to reflect on them beforehand. If you will be attending on the web, please register at <http://www.clu-in.org/conf/tio/cleantech>. We will also use this list of web cast registrants to send out the same materials.

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](mailto: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 investment community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Walter W. Kovalick, Jr.", is positioned above the printed name.

Walter W. Kovalick, Jr.

Acting Deputy Regional Administrator

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