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Bill:

I don't know if you ever made plans to go to Weslaco for the quarterly review with Chevron. We were not able to adjust the schedule to have the review part on Friday. You are still very welcome to come down after your classes on Thursday and be with the group for the dinner that night and Friday during the tour of sugar cane harvest and the mill. There will still be plenty of opportunity for you to have discussions. The current plan is to have 2 vans transporting all of the group from place to place, BUT Mike is trying to find a bus so we are all together and you could use the microphone to make an "on-the-go" presentation.

Let me know if you want to go. I know you're traveling a lot, so understand if you miss it this time.

Thanks,  
Shay

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Michelle and Doug:

Please find attached the close-to-final agenda and attendee list for our meeting in Weslaco next week. Please forward to your team and Curt and Paul. Note that the dress is casual with work shoes as we will be in the fields and in agricultural processing plants both days.

If you have any suggested changes to the schedule, please forward them.

Mike Gould's team will be forwarding a written report soon.

Thanks,  
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**Chevron Technology Ventures, LLC – Texas AgriLife Research**  
**Quarterly Review**  
**AgriLife Research & Extension Center - Weslaco, TX**

October 14 – 16, 2009

**Wednesday, October 14**

Chevron and AgriLife Research participants arrive in Weslaco late evening

NO PLANNED ACTIVITIES

**Thursday, October 15**

- 7:30 am Meet at Holiday Inn Express, 421 S. International Blvd., Weslaco, TX  
(Transportation will be provided.)
- 7:45 am Tours of AgriLife Research Plots
1. Lignocellulose Project (Annex Farm)
    - a. Miscanthus, energy cane, miscane
    - b. Germplasm resources
    - c. Agronomic trials
    - d. Claas harvester demo
    - e. Photoperiod/Crossing facility
  2. Oilseed Project (South Farm)
    - a. Jatropha
- 12:00 pm Working Lunch (USDA Conference Center)
- 12:30 pm Tissue culture, micro-propagation, transformation (USDA Conference Center)
- 1:00 pm Quarterly Review Recap (USDA Conference Center)
1. *Lignocellulosic Feedstocks* (Gould, El-Hout, Mirkov, Mullet)
  2. *Oilseed Feedstocks* (Miller, Thomasson)
- 3:00 pm Depart for Valco Bioenergy
- 3:30 pm Tour Commercial Cottonseed Mill and Biodiesel Plant
1. VALCO Bioenergy, <http://valleycoopoilmill.com>, Valley CO-OP Oil Mill (1901 N. Exp. 77 & Wilson Rd, Harlingen, TX 78550)
- 5:30 pm Return to Holiday Inn Express
- 6:15 pm Depart hotel for Dinner

## **Friday, October 16**

8:00 am	Meet at Holiday Inn Express, 421 S. International Blvd., Weslaco, TX (Transportation will be provided.)
8:30 am	Tour Commercial Sugarcane Harvest Operations
10:00 am	Tour Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers, Inc. ( <a href="http://www.rgvsugar.com">http://www.rgvsugar.com</a> ) Processing Plant
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Depart for Respective Airports

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NOTE: We will be visiting and walking in agricultural fields and inside a sugarcane processing factory, so please wear appropriate clothing and shoes both days (i.e. jeans, boots, etc.). Safety equipment (hard hat, safety goggles, ear protection) will be provided.

**Attendees**  
*(as of October 4)*

Chevron

- Paul Bryan, V. P. Technology
- Michelle Long, Manager Feedstocks and Logistics
- Curt Munson, Unit Manager, Fuels
- Doug Jones, Business Analyst
- LeAnne Sandoz, Supply Chain Coordinator
- Jason Hicks, Research Engineer
- Melissa Patangia, Counsel
- Nancy Dunham, Photographer

AgriLife Research (Weslaco)

- Mike Gould, Center Director
- Nael El-Hout, Agronomist
- Erik Mirkov, Molecular Biologist
- John Jifon, Plant Physiologist
- Robert McGee, Operations Manager
- Eddie Hernandez, Field Services Supervisor
- Donna Goodman, Project Manager

AgriLife Research (Beaumont)

- Ted Wilson, Center Director

AgriLife Research (College Station)

- Bill McCutchen, Associate Director
- Bob Avant, Director - Office of Corporate Relations
- Shay Simpson, Associate Director - Office of Corporate Relations
- Adam Helms, Project Manager - Office of Corporate Relations
- Michelle Nelson, Program Associate - Office of Corporate Relations
- Kendra Zak, Administrative Assistant - Office of Corporate Relations
- Travis Miller, Associate Department Head - Department of Soil & Crop Sciences
- Paul Baumann, Agronomist
- Bill Rooney, Plant Breeder
- John Mullet, Plant Geneticist
- Myra Falon, Plant Transformation
- Alex Thomasson, Agricultural Engineer