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Everyone,

Attached is the near final agenda for the Chevron visit to Weslaco. We have very limited time for presentations in the afternoon of the 15th, so we need to make effective use of that time. I will act as Moderator of that session.

Chevron has informed us that what they would most like to hear in our presentations is:

- what we have learned so far (new understandings, not data)
- Does what we are learning validate the initial premises of the project or calls for mid-course adjustments
- what adjustments need to be made to guide future project work

To meet their objective, please observe the following guidelines for your presentations:

Lignocellulose project:

- Gould, El-Hout, Mirkov and Mullet will present. Keep individual presentations at a high level - little or no data (they have that in the written reports).
- Presentations are limited to ten (10) minutes each.
- Keep slides to a minimum - approx. 5 or 6 per presenter

There will be exhibits of tissue cultured and regenerated plants during the working lunch. Erik and Mayra and others will be available then to answer questions and discuss.

Oilseeds project:

- Miller and Thomasson will present. Keep individual presentations at a high level - little or no data (they have that in the written reports)
- Presentations are limited to 20 minutes each
- Slides should be kept to 10 or so.

All presenters: Remember that Chevron will have more detailed data in the review documents, and does not want to see it again. Please focus on the bigger picture - what are the goals of each project component, where are we related to those goals, what have we learned, and how is that affecting future work. Keep in mind that Chevron is funding this project for their purposes, not ours, so we need to make them comfortable that we are making progress towards meeting their objectives.

Also, there will be ample time during the field and mill tours for additional informal conversations with Chevron personnel.

PLEASE BRING YOUR PRESENTATIONS ON A MEMORY STICK.

Thanks for your cooperation during this important visit.

Mike

Mike Gould

Center Director



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. (<http://www.rgvsugar.com>)
Processing Plant
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm Depart for Respective Airports

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.