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The Unocal site needs to be cleaned to a state that would allow restoration of the original open channel between the Edmonds Marsh and Puget sound. Pollution created by Unocal (now Chevron) needs to be cleaned up by Chevron. Alternative 6, currently favored by DOE, is a ticking time bomb that would almost certainly release pollutants due to sea level rise and seismic activity leading to cap rupture.

In addition, Alternative 6 is inconsistent with WAC 173-340-351(6)(a) "Include any planned future uses of the site or any habitat restoration or resource recovery goals for the site." Efforts to restore an open channel between the Marsh and Puget Sound would likely encounter highly polluted "hot spots" that would have to be cleaned by the City of Edmonds or State of Washington later if not addressed by Chevron now. The supposedly "low-cost" of Alternative 6 is not realistic, since it only temporarily masks the pollution problem. Additionally, the so-called "High cost of Alternative 4" is in fact a better value since it restores a functioning saltwater estuary to Puget Sound which would in turn restore salmon and other habitats. The benefits of Alternative 4 have been significantly underestimated in the DCA and should be re-calculated. The updated DCA for Alternative 4 should address the value of a restored Edmonds Marsh as a wildlife sanctuary, salmon spawning estuary, and wildlife viewing destination. In addition, this spot has significant cultural value as an historical meeting place for native tribes and has the support of the Edmonds community who are actively involved in reversing environmental damage.