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I'm writing as a concerned citizen, living over 55 years in Snohomish County, who cares about the health of our rivers and the Puget Sound, and all the people, birds and critters who depend on a clean ecosystem. Please consider these comments in regards to the Unocal/Chevron Cleanup in Edmonds, WA.

We want and need a new Disproportionate Cost Analysis performed, and want more of the Unocal site permanently cleaned up by excavating contamination.

Because Chevron made this Toxic mess, they have the responsibility to clean it up after all the financial gain they have made. The public, the City of Edmonds & the Tulalip Tribes aren't asking Chevron to restore the wetland or reconnect the estuary. What they want is that Chevron be held to clean up the property to a level closer to how they found it.

Consider that an estuary with restored habitat will be a great asset to this bio-region when the Edmonds Marsh is reconnected to Puget Sound. Cleanup and remediation levels need to be based on estimates of current & future resource uses & reasonable maximum exposures expected. The MOU with WSDOT, City of Edmonds & the State legislature plans to rehabilitate near-shore habitat for salmon & related species. This requires more than excavation of the Unocal fill and contamination.

A more accurate cost-benefit calculation must be done. Environmental hazards, especially from climate change and sea level rise, are required to be included in cleanup decision making. Flooding events are already happening, during which the contamination can spread.

Public concern has not been properly weighted. Of the approximately 100 people who attended the Sept.'24 public meeting, the primary concern was that cleanup be sufficient to make reconnecting the Edmonds Marsh to Puget Sound feasible. It was not any of the reasons that Chevron listed.

\*\*A cleanup plan between Alternative 4 and Alternative 6 should be considered. Excavating contamination in areas where the estuary restoration channel will be located, and capping & covering contamination elsewhere would better address future land use, public & Tribal concerns, with the environmental hazards of the site at a cost much closer to Alternative 6.

Tribal rights and interests must be considered. Tribal concerns have been affirmed by their letters of support for the City's MOU with WSDOT and for the current NOAA Coastal Resiliency grant to create a nearshore estuary to aid in the depleted salmon recovery.

Updated soil samples are needed before the revised feasibility study is completed. They were last collected in 2008! New information can impact the ranking of benefits of each proposed remedial action alternative & the cost of their implementation. Updated soil sampling will be especially crucial if new remedial action alternatives combining engineered covers with excavation are considered, which will in turn change the cost analysis. Ecology's updated feasibility study needs to incorporate the new soil sampling results.

It's crucial that all public input be considered, especially when large numbers of community members show up to testify at a public meeting. Chevron needs to be held responsible for cleaning up the contamination it caused over many years to a much more restored state, as it was before this industrial site damaged this marshy shoreline that holds such promise for returning salmon, birds and wildlife to this treasured ecosystem of the Salish Sea.