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As a homeowner who lives just a few blocks from the Unocal site, and someone who cherishes the marsh and amazing ecological diversity we have right at our doorstep, I think it is imperative that Chevron take responsibility for their actions and clean the Unocal site entirely rather than cap and cover. Petroleum products should never have been stored adjacent to such an important and ecologically sensitive landscape, and Chevron must take ownership and excavate all contaminated soil in order to preserve the marsh for future generations. Updated soil samples are needed before the feasibility study is completed, and potential future use of the property as a restored estuary reconnecting the Edmonds Marsh to Puget Sound must be included in a revised feasibility study.

For me personally, I want to make sure that my four and two year-old sons can grow up and appreciate the incredible marsh and estuary that we have here right in town. I am teaching them about environmental stewardship, and they are already asking questions about how they can help improve their world. My four-year-old in particular loves the marsh, and exploring it with me is one of his favorite activities. I want to be able to tell him that we all did the right thing to protect this incredible and special place!