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It was Unocal's decision, in 1921, to cover the Marsh with landfill for an oil terminal and asphalt plant. From then until 1991, Unocal, then Chevron, freely contaminated this land, right in Edmonds' backyard, with toxic petroleum and heavy metals — while reaping the profits.

The citizens of Edmonds are willing to do the work to restore the Marsh, once the toxins are removed, for future generations. But the EPA should not allow Chevron, who reaped the profits from poisoning the Marsh, to walk away now, leaving future expenses, and risks as well, for us to bear. Chevron has the moral responsibility to make whole again the land they polluted for 70 years.