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These comments are as a citizen of Edmonds, not as a representative of any government or group.

I do not have the depth of knowledge on this topic that other Edmonds residents have, but I am attempting to support their efforts to obtain a real cleanup of this site for its obvious best use -- as a restored estuary.

Why is a cover up even an option? Bulk fuel terminal sites are known as massive sources of persistent toxic chemicals that are bioaccumulative and highly mobile in the environment. Several have been recently added to CERCLA. Have those been tested for and cleaned? Please add them to your work, test, and order them cleaned up. It is too late to pretend they aren't listed.

Why use a "residential" clean up standard? The area is largely inappropriate for residential due to frequent flooding, potential sea level rise, and earthquake liquifaction. Can you use an aquatic life standard?

Please do the right thing. It seems like a real clean up makes restoration possible, and a mere cover up creates a massive risk to the State, to any future purchaser, and to any proposed use. Under the circumstances, we can't assume the highly mobile chemicals are likely to just sit there, even if capped.