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Chevron needs to be held to the same standards as everyone else. If I change my oil at my home and dump the used oil to seep into the ground in my backyard, when I'm caught, I have to clean up the toxic mess I made. It doesn't matter if it's inconvenient or costly to me. If I pollute, I have to clean up my pollution. It doesn't matter if I sell the property and move away. I still have to pay to clean up my mess. Same goes for Chevron. They polluted the ground. They need to clean it up.

Chevron COULD take advantage of natural processes that will consume the pollution: to do that, they need to retain ownership of the property and maintain it in a way that prevents pollution of neighboring land until the natural processes are done. I gather that will take about 200 years. So they can hold the land as a natural wildlife refuge and pay taxes on it for 200 years. Whatever it takes to clean up their mess.