Petition to help Indigenous Communities and Amazon residents affected by Chevron's oil operations

TO: The Board of Directors of Chevron Corporation

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, are very concerned over the ongoing claims of human rights violations resulting from Texaco's operations in Ecuador. As you know, between 1972 and 1992, Texaco and Petroecuador extracted over 1.4 billion barrels of oil from the Ecuadorian Amazon. As operating partner, Texaco designed, built and managed all exploration, extraction and transportation facilities. During this time, an estimated 19 million gallons of oil were spilled from the trans-Ecuadorian pipeline, almost double the amount of the *Exxon Valdez* disaster in Alaska. Texaco also systematically dumped an estimated 18.5 billion gallons of toxic wastewaters into open, unlined pits, waterways and wetlands. By comparison, it was standard, safer practice in the U.S. to re-inject such waters into the ground. In 1998, Texaco conducted a limited cleanup through an agreement with the Ecuadorian government, but its effectiveness is being challenged. Meanwhile, several medical studies relate the devastating health impacts that this widespread pollution has had on the communities living near the areas operated by Texaco.

When Chevron merged with Texaco in 2001, the new company became accountable for Texaco's liabilities. Shareholders have asked you to report on new initiatives by management to address the health and environmental concerns of the communities affected by oil-related contamination in the area where Texaco operated in Ecuador. As a Board Member, you can take the necessary steps to ensure that the company undertakes such a report.

We urge you to take a personal interest in this case to restore the health and environment of the communities in the Ecuadorian Amazon and ensure that this disgraceful chapter in the history of your company never repeats itself.

Sincerely,

Name ***Address***

Chevron's annual meeting is April 26! FAX this petition directly to the company at 925-842-3530 or mail it to: Chevron Board of Directors, c/o David O'Reilly, Chairman and CEO, Chevron Corp, 6001 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon, CA 94583