

Last Chance For DeSantis

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V Miller calls for a ban.

Fracking is something like mining for phosphate. A few people make money from it but they leave behind a mess that trashes our planet. Neither is necessary for our survival, and both show how corporations run our elected officials who kowtow to industry while neglecting the welfare of our citizens.

Gov. DeSantis made some promises that gave hope to those who want to preserve our planet and resources. Some state senators and representatives did the same, but their fire has dissipated into nothingness. We have absolutely no idea if they believe they have done well and helped our state as they say to us and to each other, or if they know they failed and just consider it the way of life in politics, or perhaps knew from the beginning they would not carry through.

It could be either.

Read this article by Tori Schneider in [the Tallahassee Democrat](#).

Comments by OSFR historian Jim Tatum.

-A river is like a life: once taken, it cannot be brought back-

Activists call on Gov. DeSantis to keep a campaign promise to ban fracking

[Tori Schneider](#), Tallahassee Democrat Published 5:01 p.m. ET April 25, 2019 | Updated 5:43 p.m. ET April 25, 2019

Activists with Food and Water Watch and ReThink Energy Florida organized a rally around their 35-foot art installation in the Capitol courtyard Thursday. Tori Schneider, Tallahassee Democrat

As two similar bills that would ban fracking in Florida are stalled in both the House and the Senate, activists are calling on Gov. Ron DeSantis.

The governor made a promise during his campaign for office to ban the drilling practice.

“Gov. DeSantis is really the only person who can get the ball rolling,” said V Miller, who works for ReThink Energy Florida. “DeSantis can save the fracking ban if he comes out and says that he wants it done.”

The stalled bills are HB 7029 and SB 7064.

Miller and others installed a 35-foot Florida-shaped art piece in the Capitol courtyard, illustrating the 35 oil or wastewater associated with oil production spills that occurred in the state

from 2015-2018.

Those spills included three in Lee County, eight in Hendry County, six in Collier County and 18 in Santa Rosa County.