

The same federal judge in Miami who ruled two weeks ago that construction on the Everglades immigrant concentration camp should be temporarily halted has now ruled the prison must be closed within 60 days and that no more detainees are to be brought there while it was being wound down.

The judge determined the facility was causing severe and irreparable damage to the fragile Florida Everglades.

Friends of the Everglades summarized the recent hearing related to the prison which for now – pending appeal or the governor or president’s refusal to follow the order – has closed it:

- A Florida panther expert testified about the loss of 2,000 acres of habitat for this endangered species, due to stadium-style lighting and intense activity at the detention center.
- Another witness, soil scientist and wetland expert, testified on at least 20 acres of new pavement at the site — and debunked the government’s claims that the pavement was applied to pre-existing concrete.
- Two staff leaders for the Miccosukee Tribe testified about the close proximity of tribal villages and sacred sites to the detention center, and the lack of consultation with the tribe.
- Testimony was given documenting heavy construction equipment, jet fuel tankers, waste trucks and federal government vehicles driving in and out of the site.
- Federal and state defendants presented just one witness who could not defend the government’s failure to comply with environmental law.

The goal of conservation groups was simply to require the government to comply with the law by completing an environmental impact study, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act. Just follow the law from the people who preach “law and order” nonstop.

Senate Bill 180, a law passed with the intent of helping hurricane victims rebuild more easily, continues to generate controversy around the state as [developers are exploiting loopholes](#) in the bill to [challenge municipal level sustainable growth measures](#).

The bill’s original sponsor, Senator Nick DiCeglie from the Tampa area, has been contacted by environmental groups around the state and assures them that he will address SB 180’s weaknesses in next year’s legislative session.

LINK: <https://1000fof.org/priorities/restorecommunityplanning/#!/19/>

LINK: <https://floridaphoenix.com/2025/08/21/florida-wildlife-commissioners-ignore-science-law-in-saying-yes-to-bear-hunt/>

Six million pounds of fossil shell, the kind mined for landscaping applications and driveways, is being used to [create an oyster reef](#) near Captiva Island.

So-called “green” infrastructure projects like this – projects bolstering or simulating natural coastal defense systems like oyster reefs, coral reefs, dunes, seagrass beds, wetlands, coastal hammock – are vastly cheaper than “grey” infrastructure – concrete, seawalls, dams, levees, pumps – are at least as effective in protecting coastlines, and provide numerous ancillary benefits to wildlife, recreation, and aesthetics that concrete does not.

LINK: <https://sccf.org/blog/2025/08/13/new-oyster-reef-includes-6-million-pounds-of-fossil-shell/>

Have you heard of [small-scale nuclear reactors](#), so called “Small Modular Reactors,” as a potential clean energy solution?

They’re a scam. (Just like carbon capture and sequestration.)

An expensive scam.

An expensive pro-industry scam with unproven technology and all the regulatory and environmental concerns of large reactors.

Of course, Florida politicians are keen on exploring “Small Modular Reactors.”

Wind and solar technology have advanced to the point where we don’t need to develop any “new” sources of clean energy, we need to double-down, triple-down, quadruple down on the existing technology that we know works instead of wasting time and money on unfeasible techno-miracles.

LINK: <https://www.theinvadingsea.com/2025/07/29/small-modular-reactors-smrs-nuclear-solar-florida-utilities-fpl-duke-power-plants-carbon/>

[Just 474 out of more than 90,000 oil slicks](#) from ships around the world were reported to authorities over a five-year period, a study revealed, and barely any resulted in any punishment or sanctions.

LINK: https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/jul/29/only-05-of-90000-oil-slicks-reported-over-five-year-period-analysis-finds?utm_term=6888b569990930f8dc323c7c5f2ce97b&utm_campaign=USMorningBriefing&utm_source=esp&utm_medium=Email&CMP=usbriefing_email

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