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The New Mexico Heat Stress regulation as proposed lacks sufficient data to justify its stringent measures and fails to assess the economic impacts it will have on workers in New Mexico.

Construction costs will multiply exponentially: from housing to infrastructure the added labor costs and delays will cripple multiple industries. At the airport air travel and product shipment will face unbearable delays; from flights taking longer to depart or be guided to a gate, to passengers waiting for baggage to be unloaded. Restaurants will have longer waiting times for meals to be prepared.

Teachers in classrooms exceeding the heat index will be forced to take breaks, leaving students unsupervised, and any teacher's aides will be exposed to the same conditions, unless they are just waiting in another area to be ready to take over without being exposed to the same conditions.

Police will have to break off investigations or stop pursuit to rest. The negative impacts are legion.

This proposed rule seems to be intended to be a feather in someone's cap, but it falls short of its goal and appears instead to be an extremely misguided solution to a problem that doesn't exist. This does not put us on the map as having the most comprehensive set of heat stress guidelines in the nation but rather showcases a lack of comprehension about the economic impacts of ill-conceived regulations imposed on the working class of New Mexicans. As is the case with many such situations, more is not better.

Please consider the input received and table the proposed rule pending further study and analysis.