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This proposed Heat Illness rulemaking is onerous and unrealistic.

The emergency room numbers used by NMED represent a broad spectrum of persons. Worker Comp numbers in New Mexico show a more realistic construction-related response to Heat with only single digit numbers.

Contractors train their employees in First Aid/CPR every two years and Heat Illness is in the training. Contracting companies already have well-established protocols to combat working in heat. NMED is trying to implement a rule for a problem that does not exist.