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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 people. Worker Compensation 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.

More consideration needs to go into the cost impacts to the state with this reduced production and hinderance of contract completion. Construction costs will significantly increase, projects will take much longer to complete, and this cost will be at the state and tax payers cost.