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I write to urge the Environmental Improvement Board ("Board") to adopt a Heat Illness and Injury Prevention rule in accordance with the New Mexico Occupational Health and Safety Act and the federal

Occupational Safety and Health Act. Under NMSA 1978, Section 50-9-7, the Board "shall promulgate regulations that are and will continue to be at least as effective as standards promulgated pursuant to the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to prevent or abate detriment to the health and safety of employees."

With adoption of the proposed rule New Mexico will assure every employee safe and healthful working conditions. In New Mexico, we have seen a trend over the past several years of significant increases in high temperatures. Physical exertion in high heat conditions is debilitating and can even lead to death.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.