

## Bruce Gwartney

I am writing in opposition to EIB 25-11(R) proposed new regulation. We are an electrical contractor and have been in business since 1962. We have never had a single heat related incident in 62 years. I fully understand the need for employee heat-related safety precautions, and we provide ice water, cool wicking T-shirts, and hats as required. Southern New Mexico is hot at least 6 months of the year. Adding the additional burden of year-round paperwork will not change that. Limiting work hours will essentially bring construction to a halt for 6 months of the year. Maybe everyone could shift construction to all night work, but I think the number of accidents would actually increase due to the hazards of working in poorly illuminated areas. We all struggle to keep qualified labor as it is. Making construction workers change their lifestyles in the summer will most likely drive most of them to change trades. Please table this proposal.