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I am writing in Strong Opposition of the EIB 25-11 (R) - Proposed New Regulation, 11.5.7 NMAC - Heat Illness and Injury Prevention. I have worked in the Land Surveying Industry for 30 years. My first 10 years was 100% in the field on survey crews. Seven (5) of those years were in Southern Arizona. I have worked at several Survey/Engineering Firms, a Heavy Highway Construction Company and now for New Mexico Department of Transportation. I have been involved in either the field work, a supervisor on a Survey crew or managing the field crews. At all of those companies for all of those years there were company protocols and safety standards for staff including Safety Meetings, Toolbox/Tailgate talks and Job Hazard Safety forms. Heat Illness & Injury was and is always a primary focus of safety for field staff. The Federal/State Government does not need to create a Regulation to control employees. Companies are already taking safety measures to protect employees from heat illness. This Proposed Regulation will Cripple companies, make Projects go way over budget and take longer to complete projects. It will eventually work it's way into bids on public projects costing Taxpayers even more money. This Regulation will do little if nothing to prevent Heat Illness for Land Surveying, Construction, Geotech and other Industries that involve working in the outside environments. Knowledge and Training is the key to preventing most if not all Job Hazards.