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New Mexico Environment Department
1190 St. Francis Dr.
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Re: Comments on Proposed Heat Illness Prevention Rule

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of myself and Dub-L-EE Construction to provide comments on the proposed heat illness prevention rule, as part of the outreach efforts conducted by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). As a Safety Professional responsible for ensuring compliance with OSHA standards and company policies, we appreciate the opportunity to share our concerns and suggestions regarding this proposed rule.

While we acknowledge the importance of protecting workers from heat-related illnesses, we respectfully disagree with the blanket application of the proposed rule. Our company's operations involve outdoor work, but approximately 80% of tasks do not require strenuous or heavy physical labor. We prioritize our employees' safety and well-being, avoiding overexertion and providing regular needed breaks.

We propose a modified approach, incorporating factors such as:

- Level of physical exertion
- Provision of shading, such as canopies or umbrellas
- Temperature thresholds

This tailored strategy will more effectively mitigate heat-related illnesses, acknowledging the unique aspects of our work environment. We believe that this revised approach will better serve the safety and well-being of our employees, while also considering the practicalities of our operations.

We appreciate the NMED's efforts to engage stakeholders and gather feedback on this proposed rule. We look forward to continuing this dialogue and exploring ways to ensure a safe and healthy work environment for all employees in New Mexico.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information or clarification on my comments.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mariana Tapia
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