



# NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF CRANE OPERATORS (NCCCO)

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Certification in the News

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### Examiner Accreditation Workshops Scheduled

Interested in becoming an  
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Practical Examiner? See if  
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[Signalperson on November  
13 in Flat Rock, MI](#)

[Rigger on November 14-15  
in Flat Rock, MI](#)

[Mobile Crane Operator on  
December 11-13 in  
Orlando, FL](#)

### Supporter Spotlight



The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators gratefully recognizes the generous support of its industry sponsors without whom this program would not have been possible.

### Quick Links

Dear Tara,

In this issue of *CCOnline* we introduce you to an exciting new program that recognizes companies that demonstrate a commitment to crane safety by encouraging operators to become CCO certified. You will also learn about efforts to improve and expand NCCCO programs, including the introduction of a digger derrick operator certification program. And you'll read about the first of the new program's practical exams, held by Terex Utilities in Watertown, S.D. As part of its ongoing improvement process, NCCCO will soon add a new load chart for the Telescopic Boom-Fixed Cab specialty exam; be sure to preview the load chart. This issue also describes how NCCCO is ensuring the continued strength of its test integrity by extending its requirement for a one-year probationary period for practical examiners to additional programs.

First however, we carry an important message from NCCCO President, **Thom Sicklesteel**, regarding the new crane rule and operator certification.

### Operator Certification and the New Crane Rule

There has been much discussion in the industry recently about the new crane rule (known officially as Subpart CC of 29 CFR 1926) and, in particular, the effect it might have on how crane operators are certified. Two of the primary issues that have generated most concern seem to be OSHA's position on certifying "by capacity and type" and the recertification requirements for those operators who are already certified. The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) continues to be at the forefront of these discussions working closely with the industry and regulators alike. We thought it might be helpful, at this time, to share our position on these issues.

**"We will ensure that, no matter what the outcome of this industry dialogue, every crane operator holding a current CCO certification card will still have a valid certification, in full compliance with federal requirements, on November 10, 2014 when this provision takes effect."**

First, while we respect OSHA's position and the task the Directorate of Construction has been assigned in implementing the operator certification requirement, the rule requires that certification bodies be accountable to their accrediting agencies to ensure their tests are fair and relevant. While crane capacity is an element that needs to be considered in the development of crane operator certification exams, it is but one of many factors that

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industry experts as they establish the means by which operators' qualifications are assessed. CCO crane operator certification, which has been continuously accredited since 1998, has received several commendations from ANSI for its test integrity and validity, and was the first certification to be officially recognized by Federal OSHA as meeting national standards for crane operator qualifications.

[Read The Entire Message](#)

### NCCCO Starts *Committed to Crane Safety* Program

NCCCO has announced the launch of its new *Committed to Crane Safety* program. This program recognizes employers who have demonstrated their commitment to safety by hiring CCO-certified personnel.



"Crane operators, signalpersons and riggers receive recognition for their knowledge and skill related to safe crane operations when they are issued a CCO certification card," said NCCCO Commission Chairman Kerry Hulse. "It is therefore appropriate that safety-conscious employers should also be honored for their

commitment to safety."

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### NCCCO Applauds *Committed to Crane Safety* Initiates

NCCCO Congratulates the first employers to be recognized in the *Committed to Crane Safety* Program:

- AmQuip Crane Rental, LLC
- Barnhart Crane and Rigging Co.
- Boh Bros Construction Co., LLC
- Buckner Companies
- Cianbro
- Crane Rental Corporation
- Dawes Rigging and Crane Rental
- Deep South Crane & Rigging
- George Young Company
- Kiewit Corporation
- Marco Crane & Rigging
- Rent-A-Crane, Inc.
- Sicklesteel Cranes, Inc.
- Sims Crane & Equipment Co.
- TNT Crane & Rigging, Inc.
- Turner Industries Group, LLC
- W.O. Grubb Steel Erection, Inc.
- Zachry Industrial, Inc.

### Digger Derrick Operator Program Launches

NCCCO has announced the availability of a new CCO certification program for digger derrick operators. Digger derricks are multi-purpose machines primarily designed to dig holes, set poles, and position materials and apparatus. Due to digger derricks' unique configuration and versatility, users and manufacturers requested that NCCCO



create specific operator tests for this specialized equipment. This latest addition to CCO's range of operator certification programs represents the first program NCCCO has developed specifically for the utility industry.

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### **Terex Utilities Hosts First Digger Derricks Exam**



Terex Utilities held the first NCCCO Digger Derrick Operator practical exams during the week of August 20 in Watertown, S.D. Eleven candidates took an exam conducted by four NCCCO-accredited Practical Examiners from Terex Utilities, a charter member of the NCCCO Task Force that developed the program.

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### **Shuttlelift Load Chart to Replace Broderson in Mid-2013**

As part of NCCCO's goal of continuously improving its certification programs, next year NCCCO will be adding a new load chart option for the CCO Telescopic Boom Crane-Fixed Cab (TSS) specialty exam. The new load chart is a Shuttlelift load chart based on a carrydeck crane load chart, although it has been modified for testing purposes. The new load chart more accurately reflects the current literature that accompanies cranes currently being manufactured and sold.

[Click here](#) to download the new load chart.

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### **New Practical Examiners Set for Probationary Period**

As with other CCO certification programs, new Signalperson and Articulating Crane Operator Practical Examiners are now subject to a one-year probationary period. They must also have an NCCCO Auditor present at their first exam administration.

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*An Auditor double-checks that a Probationary Practical Examiner is testing on a properly prepared test course.*



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