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Dear Tara,

Have you been to our website recently? NCCCO wants to make our website easier for you to use. If you have suggestions for either the website or in CCO, please drop us a line.

This month in CCO learn about NCCCO's new Articulating Crane Operator certification program, which officially launched in March. Meet the new officers and directors that will serve on the Board of Directors during 2010. Hear what NCCCO had to say to safety engineers at Northrup Grumman. And find out about a combined workshop held at Bragg Crane to accredit new Practical Examiners to administer exams for the rapidly growing Rigger and Signalperson certification programs. Plus get details about another upcoming workshop scheduled for this spring.

Thank you for your participation in CCO programs and your continued support of NCCCO.

Articulating Crane Operator Certification now Available

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) officially launched its new Articulating Crane Operator (ACO) certification program in March.

Articulating cranes and loaders represent a large and growing proportion of cranes in use today, but until now operators had no independent means to demonstrate that they know how to operate these specialized cranes safely and effectively. Covering both articulating boom cranes and articulating boom loaders, this new program directly addresses a need identified by industry, and its launch has been eagerly awaited since development work began just over a year ago.

NCCCO Elects Directors, Officers for 2010

The Board of Directors of the
Inaugural Articulating Crane Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshop Held

The first class of Practical Examiners for the newest CCO-certification program graduated recently, one of the final steps before NCCCO formally launched the Articulating Crane Operator certification program in March. This first-ever workshop for prospective Practical Examiners was held on January 12-13 at Trench Plate Rental Co. in Sacramento, CA.

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NCCCO Updates Safety Engineers at Northrop Grumman

At the January 21 meeting of the New Orleans chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), NCCCO Program Manager Joel Oliva brought more than 50 construction safety professionals up to date with the latest information on NCCCO's crane operator certification programs and how they directly improve crane safety.

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Bragg Crane Hosts a Rigger/Signalperson Workshop

NCCCO recently conducted a combined Rigger/Signalperson Workshop to accredit new Practical Examiners to administer exams for its rapidly growing Rigger and Signalperson certification programs. This combined workshop held at Bragg Crane in Richmond, California was both the eleventh Rigger workshop and the eleventh Signalperson workshop held in 2009. These totals are unprecedented in NCCCO's 15-year history, and are indicative of the two programs' rapid growth since their introduction.

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Computer Based Testing (CBT)

Did you know that Computer Based Testing (CBT) is now available nationwide for all Mobile Crane Operator written certification exams? Find out the benefits of CBT, locate a testing center near you and register for exams.

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Final OSHA Rule Due in July

A review begun this month by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is believed to be the last step prior to the publication of OSHA's
final rule on cranes and derricks. OSHA announced earlier this year that the release date had been set for July 2010. No word yet on any changes OSHA might have made to the provisional rule based on the extensive oral and written testimony provided by industry organizations and individuals during the opportunities the agency made available for comment. In any event, it will be the biggest revision to the way cranes are used in construction since OSHA published the current rules in 1970. The new rule would require crane operators to be certified, and details requirements for the qualifications of signalpersons.

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