Pennsylvania to Require Crane Operators to be Licensed.
Crane operators in Pennsylvania will be required to be licensed by the state under the provisions of a bill approved by the legislature, October 8. Crane operators would have until 2010 to comply with the new law.

OSHA Proposed Rule Published.
The Department of Labor today published OSHA’s much awaited Proposed Rule revising 29 CFR 1926 governing the use of cranes and derricks in construction. Publication followed soon after the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) completed their review last month. The full text of the Proposed Rule and its extensive preamble can be accessed here. Under the 60-day public review period provided for, all comments must be received by federal OSHA before December 8. PDF version.

NCCCO To Provide Crane Operator Exams to New York City.
New York City’s Department of Buildings will require applicants for city crane licenses to be certified by the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) under new provisions announced by the city, October 6, 2008. NCCCO has developed a dedicated area of its web site, New York City Central, as a “one-stop shop” of key information for crane operators seeking to be certified for the New York City license.

New York City Overhauls Operator Licensing Rules.
New York City Buildings Commissioner, Robert LiMandri, announced strict new criteria last month for individuals seeking licenses to operate certain mobile cranes in the city.

CA Crane Fatalities Drop After Certification Introduced.
Crane-related fatalities and injuries in California have declined sharply after more than four years of training and testing that produced more than 10,000 certified crane operators in the state, reports Cal-OSHA Reporter, following a study published by California’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH).

Flintco Mandates Signalperson and Rigger Training.
In response to the rash of crane-related accidents across the nation, Flintco, Inc., Oklahoma City, OK, has implemented a mandatory training program for employees serving as signalpersons and riggers.
Signalperson Certification Program Launched.
The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) announced the introduction of its much-anticipated certification program for signalpersons. The new program meets or exceeds all current and proposed standards and regulations that require personnel providing hand signals to crane operators to be qualified.

NCCCO Urges White House OMB To Release Crane Rule.
Operator certification was top of the list of items under discussion last month at a meeting between officials of the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and industry representatives. Here you can view 20 facts about crane operator certification and the proposed Federal Rule.

IUOE Local 18 Invests in Certification.
International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 18’s brand new Miamisburg, OH training center opened its doors earlier this year to the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) when it played host to NCCCO’s Spring Commission and Committee meetings.

California Operator Certification.
More than 10,000 crane operators have been certified in California, most of them in the last three years since the state requirement went into effect.