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Holiday Closure

In recognition of the Christmas and New Years, all NCCCO offices will be closed on the following dates:

December 25th & 26th

January 1st

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers a very Happy Holiday!

Supporter Spotlight



The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators gratefully recognizes the generous

Dear Paul,

That Was The Year That Was!

CONEXPO years always start with a bang and 2014 was no exception. For NCCCO, the bang was louder than for most, since, with over 20,000 sq. ft. of total exhibit and testing space to manage, NCCCO staff and volunteers were kept more than fully occupied for the duration of the event. We've commemorated our presence in the Lift Safety Zone and elsewhere at the Las Vegas Convention Center with a [short video](#). Program enhancements continued apace during the year and included: an [eSubmit](#) system for submitting CCO practical exam score sheets electronically; an online [Directory](#) of CCO-certified Crane Inspectors; and a new certification program for [Boom Truck](#) operators. Also during the year, NCCCO passed a historic milestone with the [100,000th person](#) to be certified. On the industry front, 2014 was the year that saw OSHA extend the [crane operator certification deadline](#) in order to fix the "certification by capacity" and "certification = qualification" issues; NCCCO released a [Top Ten](#) FAQ document on the delay. And with 2015 marking the 20th year of NCCCO's operations, next year is shaping up to be even more interesting. Stay tuned for news of exciting developments in the weeks and months ahead!

Development of Pile Driving Rig Certification Underway

In partnership with the Pile Driving Contractors Association (PDCA), the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) is developing a new certification for dedicated pile driving rig operators.

The move reflects NCCCO's continued expansion into a broader array of certifications as the organization enters its 20th year of existence. The goal is to provide a diverse set of certifications that encompasses the construction industry's many specialized equipment operating activities and provide the same safety, insurance,



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and risk reduction benefits that NCCCO's other certification programs have delivered since 1995. [Read More](#)

OSHA Optimistic about 2017 Deadline

OSHA is making significant progress on crafting amendments to the operator certification rule that would address industry concerns about "capacity and type" and "certification = qualification" that caused the Agency to extend the deadline for compliance to



2017. Speaking at a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH) in Washington, DC earlier this month, Director of OSHA's Construction Directorate, Jim Maddux, expressed the belief that draft regulatory text would be available for the Committee's review at its spring 2015 meeting. Additional training requirements are also thought to be part of the new rule. Although OSHA has allowed itself three years to complete rulemaking on this issue, it has indicated it could impose an earlier deadline than 2017 if it can complete the process in a shorter timeframe.

Current employer and operator responsibilities in light of the federal OSHA crane rule delay were the subject of an SC&RA [webinar](#) conducted by NCCCO CEO Graham Brent and Director of Operations, Joel Oliva this week.

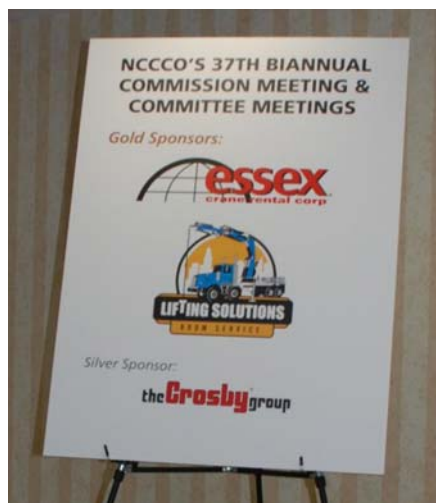
Nichols Joins NCCCO Board

Lyle Nichols, Kiewit Corp., has joined the NCCCO Board of Directors. Nichols (right), who is Crane Services Operations Manager with the Omaha, NE-based construction company, will serve the remainder of the term of Joe Collins, Becht Engineering, who has stepped down from the Board. Kiewit (No. 3 on the ENR Top 100) owns and operates one of the largest fleets of cranes in the world. [Read More](#)



NCCCO Would Like to Thank the Fall Meeting Sponsors

NCCCO graciously thanks the 37th Biannual Commission Meeting sponsors.





Bill Erwin (above, center) of Gold Sponsor, [Essex Crane Rental Corp.](#), and Danny Bishop (below, center) of Silver Sponsor, [The Crosby Group](#), receive their Plaques of Appreciation at the NCCCO 37th Biannual Commission meeting in October from NCCCO Commission Chairman, Ellis Vliet (right) and CEO, Graham Brent. Not pictured is Pinchas Leitner of Gold Sponsor, [Lifting Solutions](#).



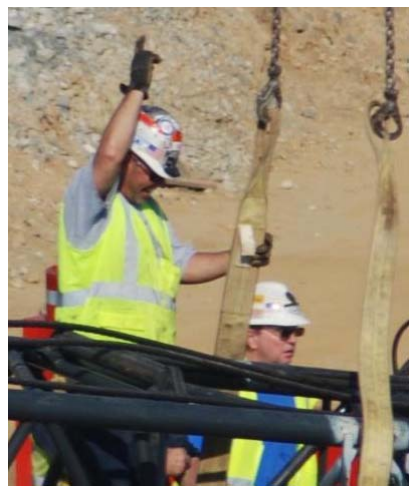
Crane Inspector Profile: John Alexander

John Alexander may only have been a CCO-certified crane inspector since 2011, but he has over 47 years of experience in both operating and inspecting cranes. In fact, for many years, John inspected the cranes he operated since no third-party independent inspection entities were available in his area. It was only in 1996, after years of operating experience, that John started taking crane inspector training classes. [Read More](#)

Signalperson Certification at All-Time High

With the number of CCO-certified signalpersons passing the

10,000 mark, the industry continues to drive the use of certifications even without a federal or, in many cases, a state requirement. And even with the delay in the federal crane operator certification requirement, CCO mobile crane operator recertification activity is an all-time high. See more on [Certification Numbers](#).



States Respond to OSHA Delay

Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OR-OSHA) and Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Administration (TOSHA) have announced that they are following Federal OSHA's actions in delaying the effective date of construction crane operator certification requirements. [OR-OSHA announced](#) its own delay in an administrative rule in November and [TOSHA announced](#) in October that it plans to engage in rulemaking to extend the effective date out to match Federal OSHA. These state OSHA actions follow the federal agency's publication of a final rule in late September that extended the effective date of operator certification until November 10, 2017.

NCCCO Recognizes New "Committed" Employers

NCCCO congratulates the following companies recently enrolled in the Employer Recognition Program. All have demonstrated that they are Committed to Crane Safety by employing CCO Certified personnel. You can see the entire [directory of employers](#), or find out how to [apply for recognition](#) for your company.

- [Southern Crane](#), Raleigh, NC
- [McAdoo's Towing and Crane](#), Claysville, PA



This Month in NCCCO History.... 2007

In December 2007, NCCCO introduced a completely overhauled ethics and discipline program. Violators of the NCCCO of [Code Ethics](#) and/or [Substance Abuse Policy](#) are subject to discipline up to and including permanent revocation of their certification. Within seven years the number of cases investigated by NCCCO's Test Integrity Department has passed the 200 mark.



Handy With a Camera? Send Us Your Photos!

You're onsite every day and see lifts that you know would look great in print. So, why not send them in to NCCCO? We're looking for some eye-catching photographs of cranes and those who operate and work around them to illustrate

our 20th Anniversary Celebrations next year. If we use one or more of yours you'll receive an NCCCO Thank-You Kit consisting of an NCCCO ball cap, T-Shirt, travel mug, log book and belt buckle. We'll also throw in a pack of Power Line Safety Cards. Email photos and your contact information to twhittington@nccco.org (be sure to get any appropriate site permissions before you do!).

Did You Know...

Employers Can Hold Written Exams

CCO written certification exams are held throughout the country at paper/pencil test administrations and over 300 computer based testing centers. However, employers can still opt to hold the written exams at their facilities as long as the site meets minimum test site

requirements. Holding a written exam at your offices is a simple administrative process. To read about site requirements and how to set up an exam download the [Test Site Coordinator Handbook](#) or call Customer Service at 703-560-2391.

NCCCO Wants to Hear From You!

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