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Dear Tara,

This month in CCOOnline, learn about the now-available just launched CCO certification for Crane Inspectors, see how you can help keep the CCO Overhead Crane Operator exam up to date, discover a surprising trend among CCO recertificants, identify which large national trade union has adopted the CCO Signalperson certification, meet another veteran CCO operator, find out what's changing for Washington State Crane Certifiers, see which leading national outdoor advertiser is now training its own practical examiners, read about the next scheduled Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshops, and view photos from the latest Lift Safety Zone at ICUEE.

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Crane Inspector Certification Launched

A new CCO national crane inspector certification program, developed jointly by the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) and the Crane Certification Association of America (CCAA) became available November 1st.



"This latest CCO certification will effectively 'close the loop' on jobsite lift safety by providing a way for crane inspectors to show that they are qualified to inspect cranes and be sure that cranes are safe for use" said Ed Shapiro, president of HESCO (Niantic, CT) and chairman of CCAA.
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Recertification Trend Exceeds Expectations

Even in a depressed economy, CCO-certified crane operators are applying to take their recertification exams in record numbers, according to an internal review of test data conducted by the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO).

In all regions of the country, the pattern is the same: CCO operators

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are recertifying at historic levels. Many are opting also to add certifications in other crane categories or in crane-related areas such as signalperson and rigger.

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UA Opts for CCO Signalperson Certification

The United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada (UA) has announced it has adopted the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) Signalperson certification as the recommended standard for all its members involved with cranes and lifting operations.

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CCO Operator Profile - Duane Schmader



Duane Schmader has been operating carrydeck and rough terrain cranes for more than 30 years, and he has been CCO certified to operate mobile cranes since 1997.

Starting out as a carpenter working for United Refining Company, an oil refinery in northwest Pennsylvania,

Duane got into rigging, and in 1978 he started operating the refinery's rough terrain cranes. "Back then we learned mostly by the seat of our pants," he says.

[Read More about Mr. Schmader](#)



Deadline Looms for Washington State Crane Certifiers

With a January 2012 deadline looming, Washington State crane certifiers who were grandfathered under the state's initial ruling two years ago are taking steps to come into compliance.

Washington State's rule requiring all mobile and tower cranes used in construction in the state be certified by a Washington State Accredited Crane Certifier came into effect in January 2010.

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Lamar Advertising Hosts Practical Examiner Workshop

The nation's largest outdoor advertising firm-Lamar Advertising company-held an NCCCO Mobile Crane Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshop at its corporate headquarters in Baton



Rouge, LA, September 13-15, 2011. Attending were 16 Lamar employees from all over the country. The workshop was underwritten by Lamar's insurance carrier Chartis as a means of mitigating risk for Lamar's employees and clients.

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Mobile/Articulating Crane Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshop Scheduled

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) is pleased to announce a Mobile and Articulating Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshop to be held in Meadville, PA. The Mobile Crane Practical Examiner Workshop will be held November 28-30, 2011 and the Articulating Crane Practical Examiner Workshop will be held December 1-2, 2011.

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Did You Miss the Lift Safety Zone?

NCCCO's Lift Safety Zone (LSZ) took center stage at the International Construction and Utility Equipment Exposition (ICUEE), held October 4-6 in Louisville, KY. [See the pictures!](#)

NCCCO congratulates winner David Riley of Nettleton, MS who entered the drawing for the Altec Digger Derrick model.

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