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## ACCSH to Discuss Crane Operator Qualifications Language



The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will hold a special meeting of the Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH), March 31-April 1, 2015, in Washington, D.C. The meeting will consider

a draft proposal to revise OSHA's crane operator qualification requirements in the Cranes and Derricks in Construction standard. A draft of the proposed regulatory text and a summary of site visits are available on [ACCSH's](#) Web page and in the ACCSH Meeting Docket, No. OSHA-2015-0002. The meetings are open to the public and comments may be submitted. See the [ACCSH Meeting Notice](#), [Proposed Rule Overview](#), and [Proposed Regulatory Text](#)

## House Pressures OSHA to Act on Crane Operator Requirements

The House of Representatives' Committee on Education and the Workforce, the committee that oversees OSHA's activities, has written to Assistant Secretary David Michaels expressing concern about OSHA's use of "capacity" in its crane operator certification requirements. Referring to the 17 states that regulate crane operators, Chairman John Kline (R-MN), stated, "none of these jurisdictions use capacity as the criteria as OSHA decided to do in the final rule." Moreover, the Committee noted that OSHA "has apparently recognized that the 2010 standard contained a flaw related to how a crane operator is 'deemed qualified.'" See the letter from the [Committee on Education and the Workforce](#).

[Read More](#)



## NCCCO Names 2015 Board of Directors



The Board of Directors of the National Commission for Directors of the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) has announced the industry leaders who will serve NCCCO during 2015. Re-elected to the office of President for a one-year term is Thom Sicklesteel, Sicklesteel Cranes, Mount Vernon, WA (pictured left). Re-elected to a one-year term as Vice President is Kerry Hulse, Deep South Crane & Rigging, Houston, TX. And re-elected to a one-year term as Secretary/Treasurer is Peter Juhren, Morrow Equipment Co., Salem, OR. [Read More](#)

## NCCCO Spring Meetings to be Held in Fort Worth, TX

NCCCO will hold its Spring Commissioner and Committee meetings March 30-April 2, 2015 in Fort Worth, TX. Several of NCCCO's ten (10) Exam Management Committee meetings will meet over the course of the first three days, followed by the meeting of the full Commission. All meetings are being generously sponsored by the Industrial Training International (ITI) [Fundamentals of Rigging Engineering Program](#).



## NCCCO Teams with SC&RA, KHL for Career Event

NCCCO, the Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association (SC&RA), and KHL Group are jointly organizing a new event to promote careers in the U.S. crane, rigging and specialized transportation industries.



Lift & Move USA, to be held in Chicago, June 16-17, will provide high school students and young people studying at community and technical colleges with expert advice on careers and job opportunities working with crane rental companies, specialized transportation businesses and equipment manufacturers. [Read More](#)

## ANSI Issues Commendation and Grants Continued Accreditation



After a thorough onsite audit of its certification procedures and psychometric protocols, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has granted NCCCO continued accreditation for its more than 20 crane and crane-related personnel certifications. [Read More.](#)

## Lift Director and Service Truck Crane Programs Accredited

NCCCO's ANSI accreditation has been expanded to include the **CCO Lift Director** and **CCO Service Truck Crane Operator** programs. ANSI's decision came after thorough analysis of test data and rigorous audits of NCCCO's management systems and psychometric procedures, as well as detailed scrutiny of its test development and administrative processes, said NCCCO Director of Operations and Program Development, Joel Oliva. [Read More](#)



## NCCCO Assists Returning Veterans, Serving Military



NCCCO has a long history of assisting serving military personnel in their certification efforts, as well as veterans transitioning back to civilian life. As a founding member of the Coalition for Professional Certification in the late 1990's, NCCCO successfully pressured Congress to expand the G.I. Bill to cover the reimbursement of certification fees, and NCCCO was a charter member of the Professional Certification Advisory Board (PCAB) established to advise the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) on personnel certification matters. [Read More](#)

## Did You Receive Your NCCCO Anniversary Calendar?

In recognition of its 20th Anniversary this year, NCCCO issued a special wall calendar detailing some of the major achievements logged over the course of two decades, and serving as an industry resource for the NCCCO range of CCO certification programs. Sure to become a collector's item, the limited edition, 22x14 wall calendar features full color photographs of cranes--and operators, signalpersons and riggers--in action and is sure to brighten up any crane cab or site office. Limited quantities are still available. Email [Tara Whittington](#) with your full shipping address and the quantity you are requesting. We'll get them right out to you.



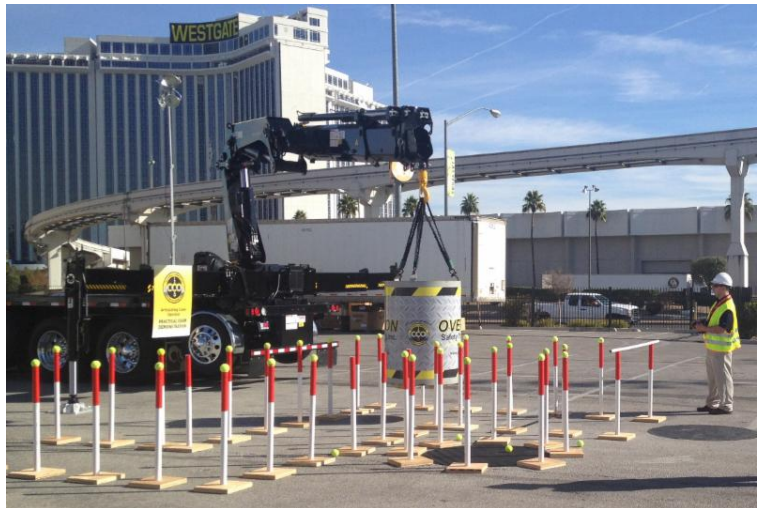
# VCO

Less than two years after becoming available, registrations for NCCCO's "Verify CCO Online" (or "VCO") system have topped the 4,000 mark representing over 2,700 organizations. And new registrations are being added at the rate of almost 200 per month. During this time, there have been 150,000 page views during 30,000 sessions, with more than half of the sessions

logged by returning visitors and nearly a quarter by users who have logged onto the system at least 10 times. [Read More](#)

## Did You Miss the World of Concrete?

Attendees of this year's **World of Concrete** (Las Vegas, February 3-6) were able to view demonstrations of articulating and mobile crane operation at the show's Gold Lot. Hundreds stopped by the outdoor area to watch the cranes in action, and dozens of visitors were provided an opportunity to operate an articulating boom crane through a representation of the CCO practical exam course. [Read More](#)



## Commissioner Profile: Doug Stegeman

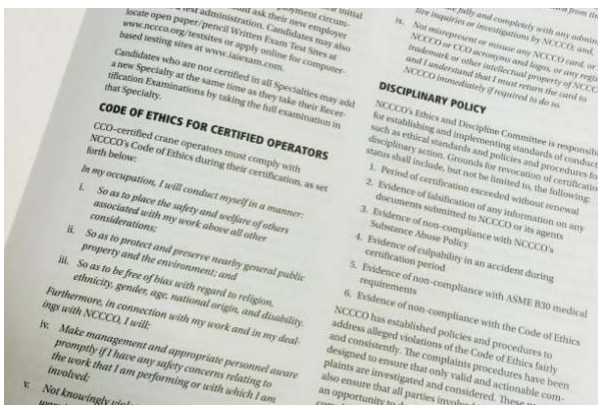


Doug Stegeman, a career crane operator and member of the International Union of Operating Engineers (Local 139) with more than 30 years of operating experience, has been a labor representative on the NCCCO Commission since 2007. He's been continuously CCO-certified on all types of mobile cranes since 1996 and certified to operate tower cranes since 2001. He's been a CCO Practical Examiner since 1998 and a member of the NCCCO Written Exam Management Committee since 2001. [Read More](#)



NCCCO continues to be active in the investigation of alleged misconduct by NCCCO certificants and others involved in NCCCO programs. During 2014, NCCCO conducted 41 such investigations. Twenty-seven (27) cases involved certificants or candidates for certification. The NCCCO Ethics and Discipline Committee held four meetings throughout 2014, and imposed disciplinary action against 12 individuals involved in these cases.

NCCCO also investigated 14 cases of alleged misconduct against practical examiners. Read more about NCCCO's [Code of Ethics](#) and [Disciplinary Policy](#).



## Upcoming Practical Examiner Workshops

Are you interested in being able to administer CCO practical exams? Why not apply to become a Practical Examiner by attending an upcoming Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshop?

### Signalperson

April 15  
Philadelphia, PA

### Rigger Level I

April 16-17  
Philadelphia, PA

### Signalperson

April 27  
Woodland, WA

### Rigger Level I

April 28-29  
Woodland, WA

### Rigger Level II

April 30-May 1  
Woodland, WA



## Annual Renewal for the NCCCO Employer Recognition Program

It's time for all employers enrolled in NCCCO's *Committed to Crane Safety* Employer Recognition Program to renew for another year. As with initial enrollment, there is no fee for renewal.

Companies that participate in the program, and achieve recognition, enhance their standing in the industry and are nationally recognized for their commitment on the NCCCO website, the CCOonline newsletter, and in other industry media. NCCCO strongly encourages all eligible employers to apply for inclusion in the directory as NCCCO recognizes its 20th Anniversary in 2015.

All companies currently enrolled in the *Committed to Crane Safety* program should re-apply for 2015 [here](#).

Companies that employ CCO-certified operators, riggers, and/or signalpersons wishing to be considered for inclusion, should apply [here](#).



## Training Providers to Complete Annual Listing Renewal



All Training Providers currently listed on the NCCCO website are reminded that it's time to renew and update their listing. All providers must resubmit the [Application for Listing as a Training Provider](#) and required documentation in order to continue being listed in 2015. A Certificate of Recognition for 2015 will be mailed to all renewing companies. Not yet applied to be listed on the NCCCO Training Providers website? Apply [here](#).

## This Month in CCO History....1999

In an unprecedented move by a federal agency, OSHA formally recognizes NCCCO, declaring that CCO certification meets the ASME B30 operator qualification criteria and that employers who certify their operators through NCCCO have demonstrated their commitment to an effective safety and health program. The official Signing Ceremony at the Department of Labor in Washington, DC (see



nccco.org/OSHASigning) is attended by dozens of industry leaders and presided over by the OSHA Assistant Secretary of Labor, Charles Jeffress. [Watch the Video](#)

## Did You Know?

Nearly all written certification and recertification exams can be taken at any of the over 300 computer based testing (CBT) centers across the country. CBT exams allow for faster and more flexible scheduling. Those that test via CBT also walk out with their exam scores! Read more about CBT, the online application process, find locations and see the answers to [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

## From the Seat: Operators Talk About CCO Certification

"I focus more now on safety and professionalism and I receive more general respect for my ability to get the job done."

### **One-Star Recertified CCO Crane Operator**

"It's made me more aware of the risks at hand before a critical lift is attempted."

### **Two-Star Recertified CCO Crane Operator**

"We've done a good job of training the operators. I think those working around the crane could use more training in safe operation and rigging practices."

### **Three-Star Recertified CCO Crane Operator**



## Employer Quote of the Month

The logo for ZACHRY, featuring the word "ZACHRY" in a bold, green, sans-serif font.

"The benefits of CCO certification were pretty obvious right away. By requiring CCO certification of all our operators, Zachry decreased crane incident cost by 80% in the first year of implementation." **Sam Rogers, Senior Corporate Crane Safety Coordinator, Zachry Industrial**

## NCCCO's 20th Anniversary: What's Your Story?

It's 20 years since NCCCO was founded and we'd like you to help us tell our story. If CCO certification has had an impact on you or your company we'd like to know about it. To start, just tell us briefly [here](#) what you'd like to share, and if you'd like us to follow up with you about it. We'll be offering special, limited edition CCO merchandise for any stories we use.

## CCO By the Numbers

# 16

The number of years NCCCO has been officially recognized by Federal OSHA.

## Supporter Spotlight

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators gratefully recognizes the generous support of its industry sponsors.



"We value quality, commitment to service, and the safety of our customers. Morrow is nearing 50 years as a company and this experience and longevity has strengthened our commitment to these core values. We are committed to our customers well-being and achieving your goals on every project."

Did you notice? We've redesigned CCOonline for greater readability! We'd appreciate you [telling us what you think](#) and letting us have your suggestions for further improvements.

Sincerely,

Tara Whittington  
NCCCO

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