



## **National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators**

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**Pile Drivers Line Up for Certification**



NCCCO and the Pile Driving Contractors Association (PDCA) have jointly announced the introduction of a certification program for operators of dedicated pile driving equipment. Dedicated pile drivers represent a growing type of equipment utilized in the construction industry and, up until now, no independent mechanism has existed for operators to demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and abilities required of these specialized pieces of equipment. [Read More](#)

## OSHA Set to Delay Rule -- Again



OSHA's proposal for a further one-year extension (to November 2018) of its crane operator certification requirement presented to the Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH) on June 20, was supported unanimously by ACCSH. OSHA is now expected to issue a proposed rule followed by a final rule sometime this summer which will formally extend the enforcement date for operator certification by one year to November 2018. The Federal Register notice can be found [here](#). Read NCCCO's submission to ACCSH [here](#).

## Breaking Records in Vegas, CONEXPO 2017

As the dust settled on one of the most successful CONEXPO shows ever, it became clear that there had never been as much interest in CCO certification at a construction event in NCCCO's 22-year history. NCCCO had never been as "present" at such an event before, with activities occurring simultaneously in as many as five different locations around the 2.8 million-plus net square feet of exhibit space at any one time. Visit our website for a complete wrap-up and photo gallery from the event. [Read More](#)



**Check Out The Lift Safety Zone on CONEXPO TV!**



## Foundation Drill Rig Certification Development Begins



NCCCO and ADSC - The International Association of Foundation Drilling have begun the task of developing a certification program for operators of foundation drill rigs. The official announcement was made at ADSC's Annual Meeting in La Quinta, CA, in February. [Read More](#)

## Second Industry Forum

Crane operators, contractors, and others whose working lives bring them into contact with lifting equipment beat a path to the NCCCO *Industry Forum on Personnel Qualifications* last month in Honolulu. The Forum, only the second ever held (the first was in conjunction with NCCCO's 20th Anniversary Gala in 2015), was an instant hit with the Hawaii crane community, who listened attentively to presentations, posed challenging questions, and participated in the ensuing dialogue. [Read More](#)



## Australian Review Group Meets



NCCCO took advantage of the recent CONEXPO to convene an in-person meeting of its Australian Crane Operator Assessment Review Group. The Group has been working with the Crane Industry Council of Australia (CICA) for several months reviewing proposals being laid by CICA on behalf of the Australian crane industry. [Read More](#)

## New Candidate Processing System Comes Online

NCCCO brought a new candidate processing system online earlier this year. The need was urgent because, while the existing system had worked well in the past, it had struggled in recent years to keep up with NCCCO's rapid growth. More importantly, the software it relied on was no longer supported by the manufacturer and so its days were clearly numbered. [Read More](#)

## Crane Experts Educate at CONEXPO

By all accounts the Crane and Rigging education track at the recent CONEXPO exhibition and conference was a rousing success. More than 450 participants attended 11 seminars over the course of four days to hear from crane industry experts about a host of topics essential to safe crane operation. [Read More](#)



## NCCCO to Conduct OSHA Certification Webinar



Crane Operator Certification will be back in the spotlight Wednesday, July 19 at 2:00pm ET when SC&RA hosts a webinar entitled ***OSHA Update: Employer Qualification and Crane Operator Certification: Are You Ready?***

[Read More](#) [Register](#)

## NCCCO Elects Commissioners

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) elected two new Commissioners and re-elected two others to its Commission at its 42nd Biannual Meeting in Honolulu, HI, in May.

Elected to terms on the Commission were **Pete Laux**, Senior Equipment Manager, Kiewit Equipment Services, and **Chuck Wigger**, Safety Director, Lamar Advertising Company. Pete Laux, who also serves on the NCCCO Board of Directors, brings extensive technical experience to the Commission, while Chuck Wigger- formerly an



Chuck Wigger



Pete Laux

Alternate Commissioner-brings a unique perspective from the sign industry. Laux will serve in the User category, while Wigger is alternate to the Public Member. [Read More](#)

## Join NCCCO at ICUEE 2017 - The Demo Expo



NCCCO will be hosting a range of activities at the International Construction and Utility Equipment Exposition (ICUEE), also known as The Demo Expo, on October 3-5 in Louisville, KY. ICUEE is the premiere event for utility industry professionals to gain comprehensive insight into the latest technologies, innovations, insights, and trends affecting their industry.

From crane and rigging safety demos in NCCCO's Lift Safety Zone (outside in booth N2227) to written CCO exam administrations, NCCCO will be promoting crane safety and the benefits of CCO certification throughout the show. NCCCO will also be conducting a major demonstration on the Demo Stage (inside in booth 3206) on Wednesday morning, October 4. On Thursday, October 5, written CCO exams for all programs will be administered for those seeking to become CCO certified or recertify in programs for which they are already certified. [Read More](#)

## 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?

**Operator Refresher**: July 31, Salem, OR (for Operator Practical Examiners needing to re-accredit)

**Tower Crane Operator**: August 1-2, Salem, OR

**Rigger Level II**: August 3-4, Salem, OR

**Rigger Refresher**: August 5, Salem OR (for Rigger Practical Examiners needing to re-accredit)



**Operator Refresher:** August 7, Woodland, WA (for Operator Practical Examiners needing to re-accredit)

**Mobile Crane Operator:** August 8-10, Woodland, WA

**Operator Refresher:** August 15, Windham, ME (for Operator Practical Examiners needing to re-accredit)

**Articulating Boom Loader Operator:** August 16-17, Windham, ME

**Operator Refresher:** August 21, Conyers, GA (for Operator Practical Examiners needing to re-accredit)

**Mobile Crane Operator:** August 22-24, Conyers, GA

## Model Crane Drawing Winners

Thank you to everyone who visited the NCCCO indoor booth and the Lift Safety Zone outside at CONEXPO 2017. Many people who stopped by participated in our survey and drawings. We are pleased to announce the following winners!



The lucky winner from the indoor informational booth drawing is **Tom Scott** of Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, who won the **Liebherr 112 EC-H8 Litronic** model generously donated by **Morrow Equipment**.

**Jerry Abner** of Ashland, OH, won the drawing that took place in the Lift Safety Zone and he is enjoying a **Terex Demag AC 250-5** die-cast model generously donated by Terex.



Congratulations to both drawing winners!

## Did You Know? NCCCO Appreciates Your Feedback

Although NCCCO certification exams are developed by subject matter experts in the field, we always appreciate and review candidate feedback. On every written exam, candidates have the opportunity to provide feedback on the exam as a whole, or specific exam questions. Candidates taking paper/pencil exams can provide this on a Question/Comment form at the test site, while computer based testing (CBT) candidates have the opportunity to provide feedback electronically at the end of the exam. The Committee that manages the exams reviews every comment to see if any changes should be made to the exams.

## From the Seat

"Changing regulations don't always make it to the field. Recertification requires that people are up to date with current regulations" **Mark LeGacy, Two-Star Recertificant**

## Employer Quote of the Month



"Employing certified operators, and those who are able to be certified, has allowed us to maintain a clean safety record. Beyond that, it has empowered the operators to understand their role on the job site as a key player in the effort to spot and mitigate risk in regards to crane work and job safety in general."

**Nick Matteo, Pro Crane Services, LLC.**

## CCO By the Numbers

Number of CCO  
Articulating Crane  
certifications issued  
by NCCCO since the  
program launched in  
2010.

# 11,200

## This Month in CCO History... 1998

NCCCO is independently accredited for the first time. NCCCO has maintained accreditation since 1998 and is currently accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to international standard ISO 17024. Although OSHA is considering extending the deadline for operators to be certified, one thing is not expected to change -- the requirement that operators have accredited certification. Not every company claiming to offer certification is accredited. NCCCO certificants can rest assured they will continue to meet the rule requirements.

## NCCCO In The News

It's not just us that talks about CCO Certification! The industry press is abuzz with news and commentary about the nation's first and leading certification program for crane operators and related crafts. Here's a recent sampling:

**Lifting Guru** -- Increased need and interest in qualified and certified lift directors, *American Cranes and Transport, January 2017*

**Back in the Hot Seat** -- A pioneer in safe crane operations and training, John Alexander shares his wisdom, *American Cranes and Transport, February 2017*

**World-Class Partnership** -- Hiab announces its donation of equipment for use in the Lift Safety Zone, *Cranes Today, February 2017*

**New Crane Operators Receive Trade Scholarships** -- Crane Tech LLC has announce the winners of the Professional Operator Development scholarship, *Crane Hotline, February 2017*

**Simulator Brings Cost Savings and Flexibility to Training Center** -- Vortex simulator aides in training at IUOE Local 14, *Crane Hotline, February 2017*

**NessCampbell Crane + Rigging Celebrates 70th Anniversary** -- Company employing hundreds of CCO-certified crane operators turns 70, *Cranes Today*, April, 2017

**Terex's Putman and Julius Named to Task Force** -- Two new members join the NCCCO Foundation Drill Rig Operator task force, *American Cranes and Transport*, May 2017

**LGH Hosts Lift & Move USA** -- Another successful event aimed at getting the next generation in the seat, *American Cranes and Transport*, May 2017

**Selling Cranes to the World at Large** -- European organization aims at making the industry safer overseas, *Cranes Today*, June 2017

**New Field Classrooms Bring Education to ICUEE 2017 Show Floor** -- ICUEE preview, *Crane Hotline*, July 2017

## Supporter Spotlight



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Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM) -- "Advancing equipment manufacturers in the global marketplace; our passion is to not only see your business succeed, but to create a community where we, as an industry, can make positive and lasting change. AEM is 900+ members strong and growing, representing 200+ product lines."

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Are you working on a cool project? Do you have neat, high quality photos of people in and around cranes? Working a large job where CCO Certification is required? **Let us know!** We'd love to write an article about your project or use your photos and if we do we'll send a token of our appreciation.

Sincerely,

Tara Whittington  
NCCCO

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