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We Want to Hear From You!

Dear Tara,

As the year comes to a close, NCCCO would like to take this opportunity to thank all CCO Certificants, employers, and supporting organizations, and to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year.

This month in *CCOnline*, find out which CCO programs have just been accredited by ANSI, discover how NCCCO is validating the content of its written exams, hear what the Commissioners were talking about at their fall meetings, read about NCCCO's participation at the annual CURT conference, learn about the progress of the Digger Derrick Task Force, and read how CCO-certified operators helped with the Capitol Christmas Tree.

Pilgrim Films and Television (producer of shows such as *Myth Busters* and *Dirty Jobs*) is looking for highly skilled heavy equipment operators for a new show. Episodes will feature operators taking on a series of "Big Machine" challenges.

Take a [look at the flier](#) for applicant instructions and more information.

Supporter Spotlight



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Articulating and Rigger Level II Programs ANSI Accredited



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Mobile, Tower, Overhead, and
Articulating Crane Operator,
Signalperson, and Rigger Level I and
Level II Programs Accredited

NCCCO announced today that it has been awarded accreditation by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for two of its newest certification programs. The CCO Rigger Level II and Articulating Crane Operator certifications are now accredited by ANSI to the ISO/IEC 17024 International Standard for organizations that certify personnel.

NCCCO also announced that it had been granted continued accreditation by ANSI for its previously accredited programs: Mobile

Crane Operator, Tower Crane Operator, Overhead Crane Operator, Rigger Level I and Signalperson.

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Crane Operators Nationwide Respond to Survey

Fifth in a series profiling CCO Test Integrity

Crane operators around the country are confirming that the content of

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Holiday Information

NCCCO Office Closures:

Dec. 23rd - 26th

and

Dec. 30th (12pm) - Jan. 2nd

Computer Based Test (CBT) Scheduling Closures:

Dec. 25th - 26th

and

Jan. 1st - 2nd

Please note that the CBT Scheduling Center may close early the day prior to the holiday if call volume is low.

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CCO written examinations is relevant to their daily work and a fair reflection of the tasks they are asked to perform on a regular basis.

2. Know the proper use of mats, blocking, or cribbing and outriggers or crawlers as they affect supporting surfaces' ability to handle the expected loads of operation.

Answer	0	1	2	3	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*	Criticality Rating
Importance	[Bar chart showing distribution]				1442	2.9	8.5
Frequency	[Bar chart showing distribution]				1416	2.7	

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

NCCCO is in the process of surveying mobile, tower, and overhead crane operators to ensure that the content of CCO written certification exams reflects today's safety issues and regulatory requirements. NCCCO is undertaking this Job Task Analysis proactively as a means of validating the integrity of its exams and to identify any adjustments that may be necessary to reflect the current industry environment.

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Read the other stories in this Integrity series:

[Audit Process Puts Examiners to the Test](#)

[Management Committees Continually Monitor Test Performance Statistics](#)

[Code of Ethics Reflects Certificants' Commitment to Safety](#)

[Commissioners Represent Diverse Industry Stakeholders](#)

Congratulations!

We would like to thank all 2,000 plus professionals who took time out of their busy lives to help NCCCO by participating in its Job Task Analysis Survey (see above article).

Those who completed the survey were entered into a drawing to win one of five vouchers for \$200 of merchandise from the NCCCO Store.

We are pleased to announce the drawing winners are Joseph Herzog of Minnetonka, MN; George Wheeler Jr. of Wendover, NV; Micah Brennan of Colorado City, TX; Parker Morgan of Claremore, OK; and Glenn Jordan of Riverside, OH.

Thanks to all participants for their valuable input, comments, and contributions to the program.

Commissioners "Expect Change"



"Expect Change" was the exhortation proclaimed at the semi-annual meeting of the Commission and full NCCCO Exam Management Committees held at the Maritime

Institute of Technology in Baltimore, MD, on October 11-14, 2011.

The four-day event was attended by more than 60 Commissioners, Committee members, and guests from 25 states, and sponsored by Vial Equipment, Crosby Group, Morrow Equipment, and Travelers. Part of its agenda focused on many of the ramifications the new OSHA crane rule is expected to have as part of the "Expect Change" theme.

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NCCCO Focuses on OSHA and Inspector Program at CURT

NCCCO participated at the Construction Users Roundtable (CURT) annual conference November 7-9, 2011, near Phoenix, Arizona, which brought together



more than 400 leading construction user experts from across the country and around the world. CURT is a not-for-profit organization whose primary purpose is to create competitive advantage for construction owners by making the industry safer, promoting overall cost-effectiveness and productivity, and improving the way construction is planned, managed, justified and executed.

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Development of Digger Derrick Program Continues



Since the NCCCO Digger Derrick Task Force was initiated in June 2011, momentum has continued to build as the program begins to take shape. The Task Force members are committed to an aggressive schedule of in-person meetings every six to eight weeks, with virtual meetings in between to expedite the development

process. Development of both the written and practical exams is well underway, with the latest meeting of the Task Force held in Atlanta on December 13-15, 2011, and hosted by Georgia Power, owned and operated by Southern Company.

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NCCCO to Exhibit at Two Upcoming Industry Events

NCCCO will be showcased at two events next month; the Associated Equipment Distributors (AED) 2012 Summit & CONDEX in National Harbour, MD, and World of Concrete in Las Vegas, NV.

Read more about both events and how CCO will participate.

[AED Summit & CONDEX - January 18 - 20, 2012](#)

[World of Concrete - January 24 - 27, 2012](#)

CCO Certification Featured in The Netherlands

NCCCO Executive Director Graham Brent addressed the nearly 300 delegates attending the two-day World Crane and Transport Summit in Amsterdam, November 10-11.



Taking as his theme, "Certification Comes of Age", Brent outlined how crane-related personnel certification was helping to re-shape U.S. construction. "We've come a remarkably long way in just 15 years," he said, referring to the founding of the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators by industry in 1995. "CCO certification was born into an environment where the concept of certification was foreign and where stiff resistance among operators and employers resistant to change was common."

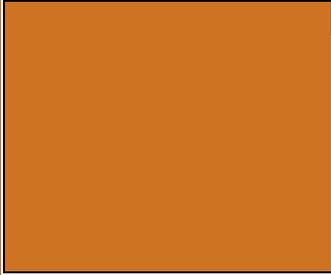
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CCO Crane Operators Help with the Capitol Christmas Tree



CCO-certified crane operators played a pivotal role recently in ensuring that the nation's Capitol was appropriately decorated for the season. The towering 65-foot Sierra white fir from the Stanislaus National Forest near Tuolumne, CA, was cut on November 5, requiring two cranes to steady it and then gently place it onto a cradle for its three-week trip across the country. The tree, dubbed "The People's Tree," arrived in Washington, DC, on November 28, when it was carefully erected with another crane on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol building.

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