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## NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF CRANE OPERATORS (NCCCO)

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### Practical Examiner Workshops Scheduled

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) is pleased to announce several Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshops have been scheduled.

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### Supporter Spotlight



The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators gratefully recognizes the generous support of its industry sponsors without whom this program would not have been possible.

Dear Tara,

This month in *CCOnline*, discover which type of equipment NCCCO's latest certification program will address, see the results of the NCCCO Board of Directors elections, find out what's changed in the CCO Rigger certification programs, learn about what the Office of Management and Budget says about the costs and benefits of the new OSHA crane rule, meet CCO Commissioner Chuck Lemon, identify what Pennsylvania's licensed crane operators have in common, read about an October conference in Pennsylvania addressing crane safety, find the next Lift Safety Zone (LSZ) and get the details on three upcoming CCO Practical Examiner Accreditation Program workshops.

### Digger Derrick Initiative Supported by Industry

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) has begun development of a new certification program for operators of digger derricks. Terex Utilities hosted the inaugural meeting of the Digger Derrick Task Force on June 27-29 in San Antonio, TX. The diverse group of approximately 20 participants at the meeting represented the various sectors involved with digger derrick operators, including utilities, manufacturers, operators, and end users.



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### NCCCO Elects Directors, Officers for 2011/2012

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 2011-2012. ??

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### CCO Rigger I and Rigger II Exams Now Available Together

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To provide greater access to CCO Rigger certifications, candidates are now able to sign up and take both the Rigger Level I and Rigger Level II written and practical exams at the same time. This new policy changes the original requirement for Rigger Level II candidates to be certified in Rigger Level I prior to applying for the Rigger Level II exams. For more information about CCO Rigger certifications-including the knowledge areas covered by the written exams, the skills required for the practical exams, and an updated candidate application form-visit the [Rigger](#) section of the

NCCCO website.

### OMB Report Estimates \$46+ Million in Annual Benefits from 2010 OSHA Cranes and Derricks Rule

A report by the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) claims that major federal regulations enacted between 2000 and 2010 are generating an estimated \$70 billion to \$611 billion in net annual benefits.

[Read More and View the Report](#)

### Commissioner Spotlight: Charles Lemon



Charles "Chuck" Lemon is Crane Safety Manager at the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries (L&I). He brings to the NCCCO Commission more than 20 years of experience as a supervisor and manager in the crane industry, as well as a government perspective on all of NCCCO's activities. After a 2006 fatal crane accident in Bellevue, WA, Mr. Lemon helped the state model its new crane operator certification requirements on the new regulations that resulted, so he is well acquainted with the regulatory standpoint on crane personnel certification requirements.

[Read More about Mr. Lemon](#)

### CCO Certificants Obtain PA Crane Operator Licenses

More than 90% of the licenses so far issued to crane operators in Pennsylvania are to CCO-certified operators, the Pennsylvania State Board of Crane Operators has reported.

Pennsylvania began accepting applications for its state crane operator license late last year, and already more than 1450 licenses have been issued, with another 300 applications pending. By law, license applicants must be certified by an accredited national certification body, such as NCCCO.

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### Pennsylvania Crane Conference

The 85th Annual Pennsylvania Governor's Occupational Safety & Health Conference will be held October 3-4 at the Hershey Lodge & Convention Center. As Pennsylvania's premier safety and health event,

this annual conference brings together education, innovation, and best practices together in a collegial environment. Of particular interest to the CCO community, special sessions will provide an overview of the major changes affecting crane operators and steel erection contractors as a result of the new OSHA crane standards. Multiple aspects of Title 49-Professional and Vocational Standards issued by the PA State Board of Crane Operators will also be addressed in detail. For more information and registration forms, [download the conference brochure](#) .

### NCCCO's Lift Safety Zone to be Featured at ICUEE



Dedicated to promoting safer working practices for those who work with and around cranes and related equipment, NCCCO's Lift Safety Zone (LSZ) will take center stage at next month's International Construction and Utility Equipment Exposition (ICUEE), to be held October 4-6 in Louisville, KY.

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