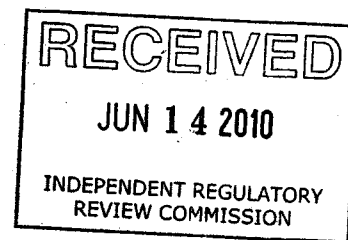


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**From:** Debbie Dickinson, Executive Director [ddickinson@craneinstitute certification.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2010 2:28 PM  
**To:** McNally, Christopher  
**Cc:** Miller, Erin C  
**Subject:** Request & Response to State Bd of Crane Operators Proposed Regulation



Dear Mr. McNally,

Thank you for the letter you mailed to me on May 28 in response to the several letters and emails sent to the Pennsylvania State Board of Crane Operators over the past year. The main and most important purpose of our communication is to request approval for Crane Institute Certification (CIC) to provide accredited certifications to crane operators in Pennsylvania. Respectfully, we request that the review and approval take place prior to the proposed regulations being made law. We request that these comments and requests be included in the public response to the proposed regulation offered by the PA State Board of Crane Operators.

The proposed regulation wording denies equal opportunity employment, restricts trade and is preferential to a single source. The proposed regulation gives special and inappropriate favoritism to one provider, NCCCO. The wording confuses and misleads the public. It implies that NCCCO is the benchmark for crane operator certification. It is not. By mentioning only NCCCO and excluding other equally (or better) qualified providers, indicates that NCCCO is the only option. How many crane operators will continue searching to find out what other providers are approved? Where would they look? Why should one provider be named and others excluded? The State Board of Crane Operators has been made aware for a long time that other providers are nationally accredited and have been for years. These other providers include Crane Institute of America Certification (CIC), Operating Engineers Union & NCCER. CIC has offered assistance, documentation of credentials and has repeatedly, by independent review been determined to be equal, or an improved option to NCCCO. The State Board of Crane Operators has determinedly worked hand in hand with NCCCO and excluded other providers.

Crane Institute of America Certification (CIC) has made significant improvements to the accredited certification process that saves employers and state departments time and money. Crane Institute Certifications are valid, reliable means of testing and certifying personnel. NCCCO is not the standard. As industries grow and progress, later models often exceed the performance of the originals. Compare the IPAD to a 10 year old desktop computer; HP all in one machines to the original Xerox. The later models are better, faster and less expensive. Naming NCCCO as part of Pennsylvania law and relegating other providers to possibly be approved at some vague time in the future is a disservice to the people of Pennsylvania.

We suggest the Pennsylvania follow the example of Federal OSHA. Wisely, Federal OSHA decided not to name any certification provider. The wording in the new OSHA regulations refer to NCCA or ANSI accredited certification programs. CIC, NCCER, Operating Engineers and NCCCO all fit into that description.

To summarize, please:

- Include these comments in public review and response to the proposed rule published by the State Board of Crane Operators
- Review and approve CIC and other accredited providers, prior to finalizing the regulations for certifying crane operators or other crane industry personnel
- Reference to ANSI or NCCA accredited providers equally, without preference or deference to any one provider
- Delete all references to NCCCO as currently written; list all accredited providers equally

With regard to my mailing address, U.S. Postal Service, FedEx, UPS and other carriers deliver to each of the addresses referenced, daily. Our staff scans and emails letters sent to me when I am not in the office where the letter was received. My preferred method of communication is email. If however, traditional mail is better for you, please use our corporate address:

Crane Institute Certification  
 Attention: Debbie Dickinson  
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What is your preferred method of communication? Email? Traditional Mail? I will communicate with you as suits you best. Also, if an in person meeting or telephone conversations would help, I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss and clarify. Thank you. For easy reference, links to verify CIC credentials as a valid, accredited, certification provider follows.

Best regards,

Debbie Dickinson, Executive Director

6/10/2010



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Crane Institute Certification provides accredited certification testing, recognized by OSHA and nationally accredited by NCCA. Crane Institute Certification tests operators, riggers, and signalpersons, nationwide. Certification programs include:

- Small Telescoping Boom Under 21 Tons  
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articulating booms or small cranes)
- Medium Telescoping Boom, Over 21 to 75 tons
- Large Telescoping Boom, Over 75 tons
- Lattice Boom Carrier (includes Friction cranes)
- Lattice Boom Crawler (includes Friction cranes)
- Basic Rigger & Signalperson Certification – the only accredited and OSHA recognized certification in the nation for riggers & signalpersons
- Advanced Rigger & Signalperson Certification

### **Links for Verification**

The following link provides independent verification of accreditation of the Crane Institute of America Certification (CIC) programs to certify crane operators and riggers and signalpersons.

<http://www.credentialingexcellence.org/NCCAAccreditation/AccreditedCertificationPrograms/tabid/120/Default.aspx>

Federal OSHA officially recognizes CIC and stated "This Statement of Agreement describes a voluntary cooperative action between Crane Institute of America Certification, Inc. ("CIC") and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA") to recognize crane operator certifications issued by CIC." <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2010/04/22/osha-recognizing-crane-institute-of-america-certification.aspx?admgarea=news>

New York City Licensing also conducted an in-depth review of certifications offered by CIC and "The department now accepts documentation from the Crane Institute Certification (CIC) in addition to National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) for Class C HMO licenses." [http://www.nyc.gov/html/dob/html/news/Newsletter/DOB\\_BN\\_012210.html](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dob/html/news/Newsletter/DOB_BN_012210.html)

CIC is nationally recognized and available. A list of over 200 exam sites is at [http://www.craneinstitute certification.com/certification\\_exam\\_sites.php](http://www.craneinstitute certification.com/certification_exam_sites.php) If an exam site is not listed in a desired location, we will add locations and or provide authorized traveling examiners. Numerous sites in Pennsylvania await approval by Pennsylvania so they can do business and serve industries in need of affordable options.

The newsletter available at the following link includes reference to the *Peoples of Distinction Award* that recognizes the contribution of the CIC Governing and Advisory Committees to our industry.

[http://www.craneinstitute certification.com/pdf\\_files/insider/aug09\\_cic\\_insider.pdf](http://www.craneinstitute certification.com/pdf_files/insider/aug09_cic_insider.pdf)

For a complete list of CIC Committee Members, see [http://www.craneinstitute certification.com/directors\\_and\\_advisors.php](http://www.craneinstitute certification.com/directors_and_advisors.php)

Mr. McNally, CIC glad to assist and support you as you strive to make Pennsylvania a safer place to work and operate cranes. Please let me know what additional information would be helpful to assure that the State of Pennsylvania recognizes and includes Crane Institute Certification in all documents, references and publications regarding certification of crane operators. If certification of riggers and or signalpersons are or will be required, please also recognize CIC as an approved provider for riggers and signalperson certifications. CIC provides the only fully accredited certification for riggers and signalpersons.

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## PRESS ALERT



# OSHA Recognition of Crane Institute Certification (CIC)



James Headley, President, Crane Institute of America and CEO, Crane Institute of America Certification



CIC CEO, James Headley and OSHA Assistant Secretary, David Michaels



Congressman Jeff Miller, OSHA Assistant Secretary, David Michaels, CIC CEO, James Headley, CIC Executive Director, Debbie Dickinson, and CIC President, William "Cliff" Dickinson

May 5, Washington, D.C. - At midday, Officers and Chairpersons of CIC gathered at Charlie Palmer's restaurant, located in the heart of the nation's capital for a time of celebration and reflection. The members in attendance, along with fellow-committee members, led innovative work that revolutionized certifications in the crane and rigging industry. "War stories" and satisfied smiles of achievement, and a few hundred photos dominated the lunch. Then, as a group, the CIC Committee Members and their honored guests, Erin Santiago and Marvin Oey of American Civil Engineers, walked together to the Federal Building at 200 Constitution Avenue, the Department of Labor, where they were greeted and escorted to an OSHA conference room.

Congressman Miller (R-FL) and his Chief of Staff, Dan Mc Fall, soon joined the group. Congressman

Miller congratulated the CIC Committee on this "historic event and level of achievement." He commended the CIC Committee on their dedication and the importance of individuals who give of their talent and expertise to promote safe and best practices for productive work.

Dr. David Michaels, Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA, joined the celebration and also congratulated the CIC delegation by stating that, "What you are doing is important and can ultimately help save lives. We at OSHA appreciate the opportunity to recognize Crane Institute of America Certification." A glance around the executive conference room arrested one's attention on the photographs on the walls of hard working individuals who had lost their lives in work related accidents. Could more knowledge, better training and a credible certification of ability have saved anyone of those precious lives?

The resolution was evident - Each person involved would continue to strive for a safer, more productive workplace. The CIC Committee members realize that safety and high performing crews are compatible and a non-negotiable expectation. One by one, the CIC Committee members then seated themselves beside Assistant Secretary Michaels to add their signatures to OSHA's official recognition of CIC.

CIC has achieved more accredited certifications for mobile crane operators than any accredited certification provider in history. CIC is the only organization with both NCCA accredited programs and OSHA recognition of a certification program for riggers and signalpersons.

Members of the CIC Committees also serve as officers and members of the ASME B30 Main, the Association of Crane and Rigging Professionals and other safety focused organizations and state committees. Formal recognition by OSHA is an important stamp of approval for the nationally accredited certification programs for crane operators, riggers and signalpersons offered by CIC. The Voluntary Agreement from OSHA to CIC includes recognition of certifications for:  
Crane Operator Certifications - Under 21 Tons (includes options for small cranes, articulating booms, boom & truck cranes); 21 to 75 Tons; Over 75 Tons, Lattice Boom Carrier & Lattice Boom Crawlers, and Riggers & Signalpersons

Debbie Dickinson, the Executive Director of CIC, said "This voluntary agreement, whereby OSHA recognizes CIC, lets the industry know that they have valid options for crane industry certifications. Employers can be assured that certifications from CIC meet all OSHA regulations." The timing is perfect. New OSHA Regulations for crane industry personnel are anticipated in July 2010.

About Crane Institute of America Certification, Inc. (CIC) - CIC is sponsored by Crane Institute of America, a respected leader in the craning industry for over 20 years. For more information, visit: <http://www.craneinstituteofamerica.com> or call 763-476-4242.

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