# MOBILE CRANE OPERATOR CERTIFICATION UPDATE



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#### ISSUE

- OSHA Standard 1926.1427
- November 10, 2017 implementation date



• Crane operators must be certified and qualified



### **QUALIFIED VS. CERTIFIED**

#### Qualified

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- Operator observed working safely & knowledgably
- Keep documentation in files

#### Certified

years

- Must pass independent exams (written & practical)
- Proctor must be approved by certifying body
- Issued card once certified
- Renewal required every 5





#### BACKGROUND

- Mobile crane operator certifications have been offered for years
- These organizations are accredited to certify crane operators
  - NCCER
  - CIC
  - NCCCO
- All three require written and practical exams for certification



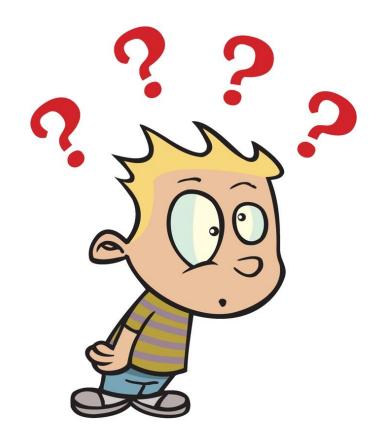
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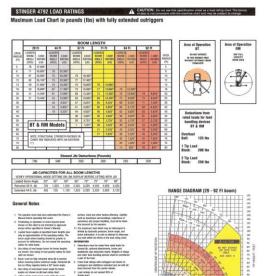


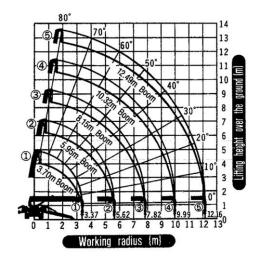


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#### AND THE BAD NEWS...







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| 90 |  |         |         |       |         |         |         |       |    |         | 90         |   |                        |                |                               | 56    | 480                    |  |
|    |  |         |         |       |         |         |         |       |    |         |            |   |                        |                |                               |       |                        |  |
|    | 59   |         | 350 LBS |       | 270 LBS |         | 220 LBS |       |    | 180 LBS |            | FIXED   |                        |                | DEDUCTIONS FOR                |       |                        |  |
|    | 89   | 0 LBS   | 530 LBS |       | 40      | 400 LBS |         | 0 LBS | 28 | 280 LBS |            | TELESCOPIC  |                        |                | STOWED JIBS                   |       |                        |  |



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#### WHAT NPCA HAS DONE

- Partnered with CIC to create new written certification exam specific to precast industry
- Under 21-ton Precast Delivery Crane Certification Exam
  - Load charts from cranes commonly used in industry
    - QMC
    - USTC
  - It does cover Boom Trucks under 21-tons and A-frame rail trucks
  - Knuckle boom cranes are not covered by this certification
    - These have their own certification exam
    - Precast operators have done very well with the existing exams



### WHAT IF I HAVE A CRANE OVER 21 TON?

- If your crane is over 21 tons you have two options:
  - Take the existing certification exams available for over 21 ton cranes
    - Be aware that these exams will include the more complex crane load charts
  - Have your crane properly de-rated to be under 21 tons so your operators can take the new Under 21-ton certification exam



# WHAT'S INVOLVED WITH THE NEW CERTIFICATION?

- Requirements for the NPCA/CIC certification
  - Two exams
    - General knowledge written exam
    - Supplemental under 21-ton precast delivery crane written exam
  - Practical exam on under 21-ton boom truck with 36' of boom +/- 5'
- Specific to CIC only
- Not available via NCCCO or NCCER
  - We would welcome it if they offered a similar certification



# WHAT IS NPCA'S ROLE MOVING FORWARD?

- NPCA is putting together several training and testing courses around the US & provide resources to help members find training and testing options
- Stay up to date at precast.org/cranes
- NPCA is offering free webinar on April 20<sup>th</sup> on what you need to know about crane certification
- NPCA is offering prep webinars for understanding load charts
  - March 14<sup>th</sup>, June 13<sup>th</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup>, October 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Cost is \$149 for NPCA members per student



## SO WHAT DO I NEED TO DO NEXT?

- Training
  - Training is not currently required under OSHA standard
  - Anyone can test at any time no training class is required
  - We strongly recommend taking training before sitting for exam
  - Variety of vendors online and in person who offer training
  - Books and study manuals can be purchased for self-study
- Testing
  - Contact CIC, NCCCO, NCCER to register for testing
  - Remember there is a written and practical component to any crane certification



#### **BUT TRAINING IS EXPENSIVE**



- Partner with other precasters or local affiliate group to reduce costs for training and testing
- Consider becoming a practical and/or written exam proctor and testing site
- Use in-house study groups
- Remember: training is cheaper than an OSHA citation or a fatality



#### HOW DO I HELP MY OPERATORS PASS?

- Prepare your operators
  - Exam prep
    - Training courses
    - Study groups
  - Literacy
    - Reading and computer literacy
    - Identify and address
  - Exam anxiety
    - Practice, practice, practice
  - Attitude is half the battle



#### I CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE MY GUYS OUT OF THE PLANT FOR A WEEK

- It's a lot of information to digest & it takes time
- Our Beta class wanted more than two days of training
- Studying and completing a training class greatly improves the success rate of crane operators
- Can you afford not to have them pass the exam?





#### **TAKE AWAYS**

- New Under 21-ton Precast Delivery Crane Certification exams to familiar load charts
- Make sure any certifications are from ANSI (or similar) approved organizations (i.e. CIC, NCCCO, NCCER)
- Begin working with your operators now
- Budget time and funds for training and study groups to prep
- Partner with other precasters for training and testing
- Don't wait until November 2017
- NPCA will continue to provide updates
  - NPCA website (precast.org/cranes)
  - Free Crane Certification Update via webinar April 20th Noon Eastern



#### **QUESTIONS?**

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