Oregon OSHA – Adopted Changes to Cranes and Derricks in Construction to Extend Deadline for Operator Certification

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Oregon OSHA received one comment during the open comment period which closed on October 10, 2014. The comment was in favor of extending the deadline date for operator certification for cranes and derricks in construction.

This is Oregon OSHA Administrative Order 7-2014, adopted November 7, 2014, and effective November 9, 2014.

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RULE CAPTION
Adopt extension of deadline date for operator certification for cranes and derricks in construction.
Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency’s intended action.

RULEMAKING ACTION
AMEND: OAR 437-003-0001.

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ORS 654.001 through 654.295
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