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To Parties Interested in Oregon OSHA's Crane Operator Certification Rules:

On Nov. 9, 2018, federal OSHA adopted final rules amending the crane operator certification rules, [1926.1427](#) and [1926.1430](#). In response to this, Oregon OSHA completed the rulemaking process to adopt the federal rules as written, and filed these final rules for adoption on May 9, 2019.

During the notice and comment period of that rulemaking, Oregon OSHA received public comment stating that the new training and documentation requirements would be difficult to comply with if the rule went into effect upon adoption on May 9, 2019. This difficulty largely stems from a shortage of training programs that would meet the "nationally accredited" standard required by the rule. The training programs exist, but they lack the capacity needed to quickly train the amount of operators that are affected by this rule.

In order to allow employers time to train operators to this new standard, Oregon OSHA has decided to delay the enforcement of this rule until January 1, 2020. Until that time, violations of the Crane Operator Certification Rules will be cited *only* if the conditions would have represented violations of the previous rule [437-003-0081](#), Crane Operator Safety Training Requirements.

Sincerely,

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Administrator, Oregon OSHA