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Dear Chris,

This is in response to your question regarding the new Federal Crane and Derricks in Construction rule.

You asked whether a crane operator with valid certification(s) from a nationally recognized accrediting agency will still be required to fulfill the Oregon OSHA crane operator's safety training card requirement during the operator phase-in period.

Answer: No. Oregon OSHA's construction crane operator safety training card required by OAR 437-003-0081 is a reflection that the employer ensured that employees who operate cranes are properly trained, have sufficient practical experience, and follow operating procedures for the safe operation of the crane. Similar requirements are found in Division 3 sub-division CC, 1926.1427 Operator Qualifications and Certifications.

In addition, the operator must have additional training and experience based on the type and size of crane the employee is expected to operate. This is described in the appropriate appendices in the Oregon crane operator safety training requirements (OAR 437-003-0081).

Once an operator has met Division 3 Sub-division CC, 1926.1427 requirements for certification, training and qualifications, that operator will have met the requirements for training card renewal as required by Division 3 Sub-division N OAR 437-003-0081.

Oregon anticipates that after the phase-in period as referenced in 1926.1427(k) of November 10, 2014 for operator qualification and certifications, OAR 437-003-0081 will be rescinded.

If you have additional questions please contact Ron Haverkost at 503 947-7421.

Sincerely

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