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Minnesota to Require Crane Operator Certification

Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty signed into law in May a requirement for crane operators to be certified in the state by July 1, 2007.

The new regulation states that no individual may operator a crane of 5 tons or more on a construction site unless that person has a valid crane operator certificate issued by a "nationally recognized and accredited certification program," such as CCO. Recertification is required every five years.

Exempt from the requirement are railroads, public utilities, mines, agriculture, and the military. Also excluded are individuals operating a crane for personal use on premises they own or lease.

Trainees and apprentices may operate a crane so long as they are under the direct supervision of a certified crane operator.

Minnesota joins 12 other states that have certification or licensing requirements. For a complete list, go to www.nccco.org/licensing/index.html.