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An email digest of CCO program and certification news brought to you by the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO).

## **NCCCO Provides Testimony on Capitol Hill.**

In testimony placed today before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor, NCCCO Executive Director, Graham Brent, emphasized the importance of ensuring that all personnel whose work brings them into contact with cranes be certified through an accredited certification program such as CCO.

### **Construction Research Group Calls for Certification.**

Crane operators, riggers, signalpersons and inspectors should all be certified in an effort to prevent further crane-related accidents, according to a report released June 17, 2008 by the Center for Construction Research and Training (CPWR).

## NCCCO Participates in Crane Safety Press Conference.

NCCCO joined with other sectors of the crane industry recently in a call for improved safety requirements for the use, erection and inspection of cranes nationwide.

#### **Department of Energy Recognizes CCO Certification.**

The Department of Energy (DOE) has formally recognized CCO certification by directly referencing the national program in the latest edition of its Hoisting and Rigging Standard (formerly known as the Hoisting and Rigging Manual).

# North Carolina Firms Host Workshop.

In a joint effort, two North Carolina-based companies, Heede Southeast and Crane Operator Certification and Inspection (COCI), co-hosted a NCCCO Overhead Crane Practical Examiner Workshop in March.