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IUOE supports OSHA's new cranes and derricks rule

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration this week announced its new rule addressing the use of cranes and derricks in construction, replacing a previous rule which dated back to 1971.

The new rule, which takes effect on November 8, 2010, will help mandate construction site safety by addressing critically important provisions for crane operator certification, and crane inspection, set-up and disassembly. For more information regarding the rule, please visit <http://www.osha.gov/cranes-derricks/index.html>.

"The key to this new ruling is ensuring the safety and lives of not just operating engineers, but the lives of all construction workers and the general public," said International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) General President Vincent J. Giblin. "Anything that accomplishes this merits our support."

According to OSHA's projections, the new rule is expected to prevent 22 fatalities and 175 non-fatal injuries annually.

"Since the new rule's inception, the IUOE has played an integral role in its development by serving on all OSHA workgroups and rulemaking committees, in addition to participating in related hearings," said Giblin. "We will continue to support OSHA and the construction industry in the implementation of this rule in order to avoid serious injuries, save lives and prevent tragic accidents on construction sites."

With more than 70 training centers throughout the United States, the IUOE's extensive training programs continues to provide the necessary skills and expertise in all facets of crane operation, assembly, disassembly, certification and safety, as well as education for operators and signatory contractors regarding the new OSHA rule.

Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the IUOE represents 410,000 men and women in the U.S. and Canada who run the heavy construction equipment to help build both nations, and who also operate and maintain commercial complexes and buildings, such as schools, hospitals, offices, powerhouses, sports arenas and the like, in both countries.

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