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WorkSafeBC – Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia  
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Dear Sirs:

**Re: OHS Regulation Review  
Part 14, Crane: Hoists  
Sect., 14.34, Operator Qualifications**

Gwil Industries is the largest crane rental company based in British Columbia. We operate a fleet of 45 mobile cranes ranging from 6 ton to 500 ton capacity. Included are hydraulic truck cranes, conventional truck and crawler cranes, rough-terrain cranes and all-terrain cranes.

We currently employ 30 crane operators in three branches in BC; located in Burnaby, Kelowna and Castlegar. In addition, we employ 7 apprentices, making us the single largest employer of apprentice crane operators in the province. All operators employed at Gwil are either trade qualified journeymen or registered apprentices in accordance with corporate policy.

Gwil Crane Service has been a supporter of Crane Operator Certification for over 20 years. We also support mandatory operator certification throughout the province and across all industries. As such, we fully support the proposed changes to regulation 14.34 making it mandatory for all operators to have documented proof of competency to operate cranes in BC.

In addition, Gwil Crane Service fully supports the BC Association for Crane Safety in pursuing mandatory proof of competency for crane operators in the province. It is an initiative undertaken by stakeholders, responding to the needs of stakeholders.

This is the type of process necessary to achieve the goals for not only the existing workforce, but also to attract new operators to the industry.

We request that the regulation be reviewed favorably and that it be implemented in a timely manner.

Yours truly,

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**Attn: Ms. Anne Burch**  
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Dear Ms. Burch:

**Re: WorkSafeBC Draft on Traffic Control Regulation**

I am writing on behalf of Gwil Crane to recommend a change to the WorkSafeBC Draft regulation on Traffic Control.

The current proposal would require that the worker who directs traffic in a lower level hazard situation be trained in a course acceptable to WorkSafeBC.

We do not think that this is a reasonable requirement for lower level hazards.

We believe that there should be a clear distinction made between lower and higher level hazards. The lower level hazards should be addressed by a requirement to train the worker in a manner acceptable to WorkSafeBC.

This would allow needed flexibility while maintaining the principle that the worker must be protected.

Yours truly

Rob Magee  
President

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cc: Roberta Ellis via email