

**IUOE Local 115 Oral Presentation
to the
Workers' Compensation Board**

**Re: OH&S Reg. 14.34 – Cranes and Hoists, Equipment
Operation, Operator Qualifications
– Proposed Amendment**

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- Our local has 10,000 members working throughout BC and the Yukon, and 40,000 across Canada.
- Many of our members operate or work around cranes and hoisting equipment in the construction industry. Making sure each one of them goes home safely at the end of every working day is one of our top priorities.
- The IUOE has a long history as an advocate for mandatory crane operator certification in the province and across Canada.
- It is for this reason that the IUOE would like to commend the Board for recognizing the importance of crane operator qualifications.
- The proposed amendment to Regulation 14.34 is the result of a rigorous consultative process, bringing industry and labour together with the Board in an effort to reach consensus.
- We encourage the Board Administration to continue its collaboration with industry and labour in developing and

implementing a model that leads to the certification and licensing of operators as prescribed by the proposed regulatory amendment.

- The IUOE strongly endorses any proposal that requires mandatory certification and licensing of crane operators to a national or provincial standard and that moves forward in a timely manner.
- We believe, however, that the existing Red Seal National Accreditation for Mobile Crane Operators should be the minimum standard and integrated into any new operator certification model as a basis for good public policy.
- Many provincial jurisdictions already have mandatory certification and licensing requirements in place. For BC not to have similar regulations consistent with the standards of other provinces lacks good judgment and foresight.
- To ensure the health and safety of workers as well as the public, along with the protection of property, we urge the Board to move forward with implementing the proposed regulatory amendment in tandem with an enforceable certification and licensing policy without any further delay.

**Nanaimo Public Hearing 2006 Speaking Notes Additional Handwritten Items
from Tim Cullen (IUOE Local 115)**

Tim Cullen – IUOE Local 115
Nanaimo – May 17, 2006

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