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General Crane Operator Requirements

The 15 September 2008 Safety Manual (Yellow Book) is now in effect for most new contracts and government operations. Please note the changes for crane operators as stated below.

16.B.02 Crane Operator Requirements - General (excluding vehicle mounted, rotating aerial devices (i.e., bucket trucks), see Section 22.M; excluding hydraulic excavating equipment. > **See Section 16.S**).

- a. Crane Operators shall be able to communicate effectively with the lift supervisor, rigger(s), flagmen and other affected employees on site.
- b. Prior to the start of work, documentation of operator qualifications shall be provided to the GDA.
- c. Qualification for all crane operators shall be by written examination and practical operational testing.
- d. All crane operators shall have knowledge of USACE crane safety requirements and manufacturer requirements and recommendations provided in the crane operator manual.
- e. Crane operators shall demonstrate their ability to read, write and comprehend in the language of the crane manufacturer's operation and maintenance instruction materials, exhibit arithmetic skills and load/capacity chart usage and use written manufacturer procedures applicable to the class/type of equipment for which certification is being sought.



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