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American Allied Safety Council, AASC, is TekSolv's partnership with The Council of Owners and Construction Associates, Inc. (COCA) and Midwest Occupational Medicine. This training council provides the best in occupational health, training, and safety services. We also provide additional training on site or online to provide you and your team with the most benefit.



BENEFITS TO WORKING WITH THE AASC:

- Fully computerized database
- Ability to complete training at one of our training facilities, on-site, or online
 - Cost effective
- No program development fees for COCA members
- Meets record keeping requirements for contractors
 - Fully auditable and accessible by stakeholders
 - Endorsed by local area building trades
 - Supported by OSHA through partnership alliance
- One-stop-shop for all services in a convenient location
 - Quality and consistent training



Above: (Left to right) Raymond Wesley - Executive Director of COCA, Adam Micun - Vice President of TekSolv, Aaron Priddy - Area Director of OSHA, and Dale Steward - Executive Director of Southwest Illinois Building Trades

TEKSOLV'S AASC & OSHA ALLIANCE

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and TekSolv's American Allied Safety Council (AASC) formed an alliance to provide skilled trades and others with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will reduce and prevent exposures - such as electrical, fall, struck-by, caught-in-between, fire, explosion, lockout/tagout, and confined spaces. In addition to providing training and education, the alliance also intends to; help workers understand their rights and employers understand their responsibilities under the Occupational Safety and Health Act, provide outreach and communication and raise awareness of rule-making and enforcement initiatives.

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SAVE THE DATE!

January 22, 2018 @ Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

SIBA/SICAP, AASC, OSHA, IMEC AND COCA will sponsor a one day safety conference on Monday, January 22, 2018 at the Morris University Center, SIUE, Edwardsville, IL. This conference will feature several breakout sessions on hot topics impacting the construction industry and will feature a keynote speaker.



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ken Nishiyama Atha

Ken Nishiyama Atha has been a member of Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA's) Senior Executive Service for over ten years and currently serves as Regional Administrator in Chicago. He leads a diverse team of professionals assuring safe and healthy workplaces and work-related benefits and rights. He has over 32 years of Federal service that includes various positions throughout OSHA, the United States Air Force, and the Air National Guard and is a retired veteran. Mr. Atha holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree from Mount Senario University, Wisconsin, an Associates in Applied Science Degree in Safety, and is a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute.



COCA, INC.

Council Of Owners and Construction Associates

AN UPDATE FROM COCA

COCA is gearing up for an exciting and busy 2018 in the construction industry. We are currently in the middle of outage work at the Prairie State Generating Facility. We are also preparing for the largest turnaround in the history of the Phillips 66 Wood River Refinery as well as a large capital project at Afton Chemical. With all this work happening, it spotlights the outstanding service and support we get from TekSolv's American Allied Safety Council. The AASC is training our work force and ensuring they are qualified and tool ready to accept the challenges of our regions projects.

We have recently partnered with TekSolv, The Southwestern Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council and OSHA to form an alliance designed to increase the quality of training and decrease injuries and illnesses. If you are a contractor working in our Owner facilities, consider being a part of this proactive team by using the AASC for all your training needs.

We now have 5 owner members utilizing the AASC for training their contractor workforce. COCA and our Owners believe the consistent, quality training provided by TekSolv and the AASC is value added and supports the philosophy of ensuring the best regionally qualified work force available. Don't miss the opportunity to hear about all the work planned in 2018 at our 4th Quarter COCA Owners and Construction Associates meeting on December 7, 2017 at the Gateway Center in Collinsville.



BUILDING A POSITIVE SAFETY ATTITUDE

Helmkamp Construction Company is an advocate for providing our employees with the industry's best safety training. In our line of business, there are hazards associated with almost every task and employee training is a vital part of our success.

The Council of Owners and Construction (COCA, Inc.) is also an advocate for superior safety training which led to the development of the American Allied Safety Council. Over 5 years ago, I sat down at COCA's office in Maryville, IL, and month after month, I witnessed a team of smart, confident, organized, and driven professionals begin to build a program that far surpasses industry standards.

The American Allied Safety Council (AASC) held its first training class back in June of 2014, and they continue to advance in remarkable ways. The committee is comprised of area contractors, owners, union leaders, OSHA, and Midwest Occupational Medicine.

The collaboration and support of this group allowed us to gather information from safety councils all over the country and develop the industry's best compliance based safety training programs. The primary objective is to achieve a more cost effective construction industry. By offering the best training and harmonizing with local union leaders, contractors, OSHA, and owners we all achieve success.

Training programs such as: OSHA 10, OSHA 30, confined space, hazardous communication, fall protection, respirator protection, aerial lift, excavation, rigging, electrical, LOTO, Process Safety, Hot Work etc. are all offered through AASC.

One way to build a positive safety attitude is to learn your job well. Know the hazards and know the safe guards. If you understand your work, you will have a better understanding of the importance of safe work practices. Training helps you identify job hazards and take the appropriate precautions to protect yourself and co-workers.

In many cases we are asked to provide documented training records for specific compliance based training such as aerial lift, fall protection, OSHA 30, 1st aid/CPR, excavations, process safety, etc. This training is being tracked in one place and the records can be obtained for thousands union craft employees within our region. We can request these records from AASC and submit these training records though ISNetworld or directly to our customers for their review and approval.

We know that we must first be a safe company before we can ever be a successful company. If safety is compromised, someone pays the price-in pain, injury or even death, which only leads to sorrow, second guessing, and regret. We are extremely fortunate to benefit from American Allied Safety Council and we look forward to even more advancements.

Luke LaBeau,
Helmkamp Safety Director



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ABOVE: Local IBEW 649 members Terry Shewmake, Charles Yancey, and Mike Shewmake

ELECTRICIANS LOCAL IBEW 649

The Electricians Local IBEW 649 in Alton has been a strong supporter of the American Allied Safety Council since its inception in 2014 through our active participation with the Council. The IBEW believes in providing our contractors with the best trained electricians in the industry to insure the job is completed safely, and correctly, the first time every time. This begins by providing appropriate education and instruction to our membership that is the foundation of preventing injuries.

Our Business Agent, Charlie Yancey, serves on the COCA/AASC Advisory Board along with other labor representatives and helps guide the policies

and implementation of programs delivered by the Council. Charlie represents the interests of labor by voicing the safety needs and concerns of all crafts to the other members of the board.

Terry Shewmake, Assistant Business Agent, was instrumental in helping develop the WORx System that is administered by the AASC. WORx is an effective tool that streamlines the process of requesting skilled labor needed for contractors working owner facilities. The goal of the system is to make sure all crafts have the proper training required and are “tool ready” when they arrive at a customer site.

Mike Shewmake, Training Director, also works with the AASC to supplement the curriculum of the federally-approved IBEW-NECA Alliance apprenticeship training program. The AASC assists the IBEW 649 by providing OSHA 10 Hour and NFPA 70E Electrical training for apprentices and their membership.

The IBEW will continue to work with the AASC and other organizations to provide an extensive pool of

trained, skilled, professional electricians. It’s our mission to create a safe, productive, and efficient work force to help build and grow businesses in our area. The Electricians Local IBEW 649 in Alton has been a strong supporter of the American Allied Safety Council since its inception in 2014 through our active participation with the Council. The IBEW believes in providing our contractors with the best trained electricians in the industry to insure the job is completed safely, and correctly, the first time every time. This begins by providing appropriate education and instruction to our membership that is the foundation of preventing injuries.



Olin Brass IPAF RESULTS



Joseph Wickenhauser
Safety Director, Olin Brass

Olin Brass, like many other companies, is on a continuous path to improving workplace safety. It is recognized that there are many different approaches and methods available in today’s marketplace to improve the safety in our plants. Of all of the improvement initiatives, our best results have consistently come from those that develop our workers. International Powered Access Federation (IPAF) courses are delivered exclusively through our partnership with TekSolv and the AASC. IPAF, the gold standard of aerial lift training, is one of our most recent initiatives. We made the decision to put all of our maintenance staff and some of our production staff through the program. With more than 120 trained so far, the feedback was surprising. Machinist and Electricians that have been operating aerial lifts at Olin Brass for thirty plus years, were learning things they never knew about inspecting and operating lifts. We are confident that the ‘Best Practices’ learned in the IPAF training will support



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS- CRANES AND DERRICKS OPERATOR CERTIFICATION COMPLIANCE DATE EXTENSION

OSHA announced that it will propose changes to the Subpart CC—Cranes and Derricks that will extend the deadline for crane operator certification by one year, to November 10, 2018. The following is a set of questions and answers that discuss this proposal and its effects on the construction industry.

Question #1: *Why is OSHA proposing to extend the compliance date for crane operator certification?*

Answer: OSHA is proposing to extend the compliance date for crane operator certification to ensure it has enough time to complete a rule making addressing two issues raised after publication of Subpart CC – Cranes and Derricks.

First, Subpart CC—Cranes and Derricks requires that operator certification be by “type and capacity.” The two largest testing organizations have issued certifications by “type” but not “capacity.” These certifications are not currently valid under Subpart CC. The Agency is concerned that this will disrupt the construction industry severely, both for employers and crane operators who thought their certification would be valid.

Second, many crane industry representatives requested that OSHA revise the crane standard to preserve a requirement that employers assess the ability of their operators to run the cranes to which they are assigned.

In order to address these issues, OSHA extended the compliance date for crane operator certification by three years, until November 10, 2017. OSHA now needs one additional year to propose and finalize the rule making addressing these issues.

Question #2: *OSHA extended the compliance date in 2014 by three years to November 10, 2017. What steps has OSHA taken during this period of time to address the stakeholders’ issues?*

Answer: After extending the compliance date, OSHA considered options for addressing stakeholders’ concerns. The Agency decided that rule making would be necessary for consideration of any revisions of the requirements in the final rule for Subpart CC. To gather more information, OSHA spoke with over 40 industry representatives about how they currently ensure crane operator competency. Based on this information, OSHA revised crane operator requirements and presented the draft to the Advisory Committee for Construction Safety and Health at a meeting on March 31 and April 1, 2015. Considering feedback from this meeting, OSHA revised the crane operator 2 requirements and preamble language again for the proposed rule. Several other OSHA standards required significant time and resources from both OSHA and the Solicitor’s office, which delayed proposing revised crane operator requirements as early as intended. OSHA now needs the additional year to ensure that the public is permitted adequate opportunity to evaluate and respond to the proposal.

Question #3: *What crane operator requirements are in place right now?*

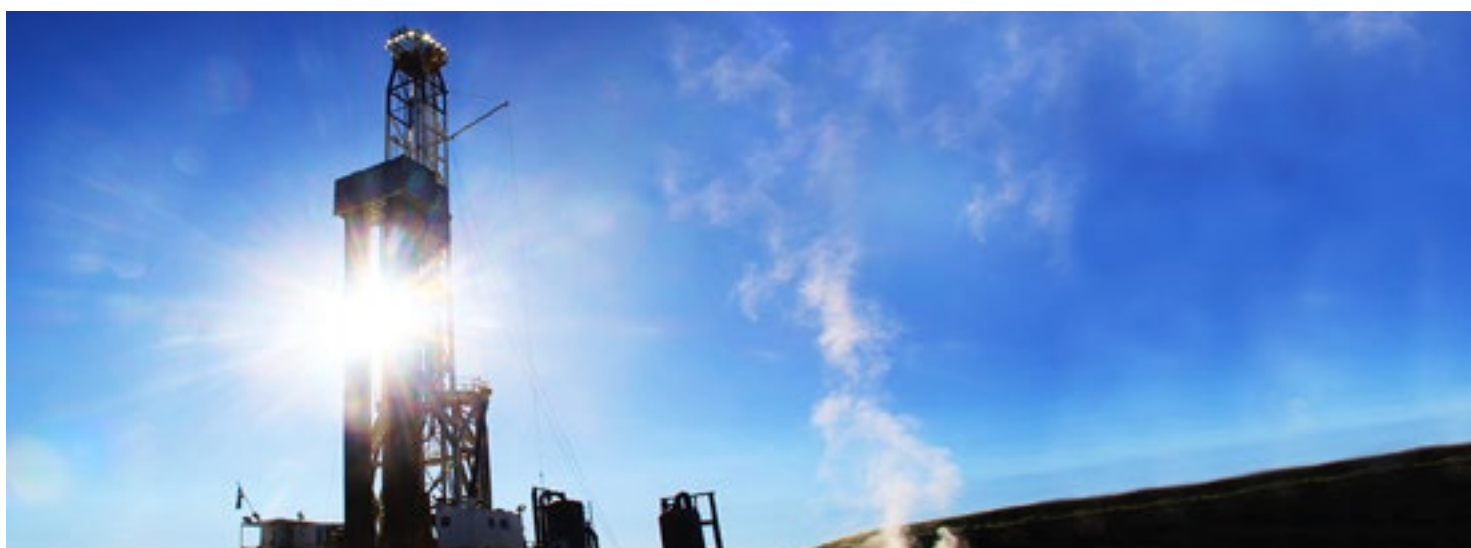
Answer: Currently, OSHA requires employers to:

- ensure that operators of cranes covered by the standard are competent to operate the equipment safely
- train their employee prior to operating the equipment when that employee is assigned to operate machinery and does not have the required knowledge or ability to operate the equipment safely
- ensure that each operator is evaluated to confirm that he/she understands the information provided in the training.

These are the same requirements that have been implemented since publication of Subpart CC in 2010. If the proposed rule is finalized, these requirements will remain in place until November 10, 2018.

Question #4: *If a crane operator’s certification now only specifies type, but not capacity, will the operator have to get another certification by November 10, 2017, if OSHA’s proposed extension takes effect?*

Answer: No. Certification is not currently required because of the previous extension, and OSHA is proposing to extend the compliance date for the operator certification requirements again to November 10, 2018. If this extension is finalized, November 10, 2018, would be the earliest date on which certification would be required.



16-Hour Competent Person Fall Protection Course

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Competent Person training enables the attendee to be responsible for the immediate supervision, implementation and monitoring of a managed fall protection program. Upon completion of this course, you will receive a certificate acknowledging you have met or exceeded OSHA and ANSI requirements as a Competent Person and Competent Inspector.

This course includes in-class lectures including slides and video and hands-on scenarios applying theory discussed to practical workplace situations. This Competent Person training is a pass/fail program incorporating both written and practical examinations and is based on the requirements of the OSHA Regulations, ANSI Z359.2 as well as local legislation that will be discussed and reinforced. Attendees will learn practical solutions to difficult fall protection problems using appropriate tools and equipment.

TOPICS DISCUSSED

- Regulations relating to all fall protection topics
- Fall hazard elimination and controls methods
- Fall hazard surveys and fall protection procedures
- Responsibilities of Competent Persons
- Detailed inspection of equipment components and systems
- Fall protection system assessments and determining when a system is unsafe
- Fall protection rescue procedures
- Selection and use of non-certified anchorages
- Fall hazard surveys

"TekSolv provides our employees with quality, compliant, consistent, and verifiable safety training that meets and exceeds the requirements of our clients. Their one-stop shop facility efficiently delivers all of our training, drug testing, medical clearance, fit testing, and background checks so our employees are tool ready when they get to the job site. The training database is easily accessible and training is tracked by employee, so we do not repeat training on a worker that has already received it from another employer at the facility. The process that TekSolv has developed results in a cost-efficient delivery of quality training and services that benefits our company and our geographic region." – Thomas Adams, Wegman Electric Company



ABOVE: Afton Chemical employees taking the 16-Hour Competent Person Fall Protection Course.



Certified Occupational Safety Specialist

WHY SHOULD I TAKE COSS?

COSS is a unique, curriculum-based program that builds a solid foundation in safety knowledge for the beginning practitioner as well as the experienced professional. A recent survey indicated 95 percent of graduates believed COSS training would help them do their jobs better, and 90 percent of those surveyed said the way the material was presented made them feel confident that they could apply all they learned to their jobs.

WHAT SETS COSS APART?

The COSS program blends safety management development with regulatory training. Training covers regulations and rules but also focuses on how those regulations apply to everyday life. Graduates return to their jobs with a much greater understanding of how safety regulations come into play in their roles and responsibilities.

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

The program consists of 40 hours of hands-on, face-to-face learning, which is delivered by an OSHA-authorized trainer. Case studies and workshops are used extensively to bring learning objectives into focus. Guest speakers from OSHA and other governmental agencies are used to enhance the learning experience. Student presentations, daily quizzes, practical reviews and a comprehensive final exam allow participants to demonstrate their competency.

IS COSS NATIONALLY ACCEPTED?

COSS has received national recognition for its rigorous safety standards. The program meets

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the requirements outlined in ANSI Z490.1 – Criteria for Accepted Practices in Safety, Health, & Environmental Training Standard. COSS has also been established as a mandatory course for students in the construction management program at Louisiana State University, and is now being accepted as a three-hour elective toward the Associate of Applied Science in Occupational Safety & Health and the Bachelor of Science in Occupational Safety & Health through Columbia Southern University.

WILL I QUALIFY FOR COSS?

The only prerequisite for the COSS program is a high school diploma or equivalent. Unlike other safety certifications and designations, COSS does not require a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. Workers can begin building upon their safety careers today, ensuring they make a real impact on the job.

American Allied Safety Council -TekSolv

Date: December 11-15 2017

Time: 8:00am - 5:00pm

AASC Member: \$1,699.00

Non-AASC Member: \$1,799.00

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I went into the COSS class with very little experience and knowledge as I was new to the safety field. Upon completion of the course, I felt more confident in my knowledge abilities as a health and safety employee. - Claire Nester, Munie Green



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-John Rapp, Safety Director at Hartman Walsh Industrial Services





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- Adult First Aid/CPR/AED
- Aerial Work Platform Training
- Asbestos Awareness
- Asbestos Awareness Training
- Back Safety
- Basic Fall Protection Training
- Basic Rigging and Signal person Training
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Certified Occupational Safety Specialist
- Competent Person 16 Hour Fall Protection
- Competent Person 24 Hour Fall Protection
- Confined Space (Awareness)
- Confined Space 8 Hour Rescue Refresher
- Confined Space 8 Hour Training
- Confined Space 4 Hour Training
- Defensive Driving
- DOT HAZMAT Transportation Security
- Electrical Safe Work Practices
- Ergonomics
- Fall Protection
- Fall Protection Equipment Inspection
- Fall Protection Usage and Inspection Course
- Fire Extinguisher Training
- Fire Extinguisher Basics
- Fire Safety
- Fire watch
- Flagger Training
- Forklift Safety
- Forklift Training
- Hand and Power Tool Safety
- Hazard Communication (HAZCOM)
- Hazardous Materials Transportation
- HAZWOPER 8 Hour Hands on and Dress Out Training
- HAZWOPER 8 Hour Operator Training
- HAZWOPER First Responders Awareness (Level 1)
- Hearing Conservation
- Heat Stress
- Lead Awareness
- Lockout/Tagout
- Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)
- MSD Bucket Truck Aerial Training
- MSHA Part 48 Refresher
- NFPA 70E 2 Hour Arc Flash & Electrical Safety Training
- NFPA 70E 4 Hour Arc Flash & Electrical Safety Training
- NFPA 70E 8 Hour Arc Flash & Electrical Safety Training
- Office Safety
- OSHA 10 Hour Construction 1926
- OSHA 30hr 29CFR 1910 General Industry
- OSHA 30HR 29CFR 1926 – Construction Safety & Health Training Course
- PCB Awareness
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Safety Awareness Fundamentals – General Industry
- Scaffold Training
- Slips, Trips and Falls
- Trenching & Shoring Competent Person Seminar
- Trenching and Excavation
- Warning Signs and Labels
- Welding, cutting, and Brazing

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