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Re: Crane Standard Annual and Quadrennial Certification Title 8 California Code of Regulations sections 5021, 5022 and 5031

Dear Ms. Treanor,

The following letter is in response to your inquiry dated October 16, 2014 regarding the annual and quadrennial certification requirements under Title 8 Sections 5021, 5022 and 5031 for mobile cranes. Specifically, you asked whether the most recent quadrennial certification sets the due dates for the upcoming annual and the next quadrennial certification.

All mobile cranes in excess of three tons in capacity must be inspected by a certifying agency annually as required by Title 8 Section 5021 and proof load tested every four years by a certifying agency as required by Section 5022. These examinations must occur in accordance with the provisions of 5031(d):

In any year in which no quadrennial (every four years) proof load test is required on cranes or derricks, such equipment shall be examined by a qualified person as described in Section 5021. Such examination shall be made not later than the anniversary date of the quadrennial certification and shall conform with the requirements of Section 5022 (d) and the following:

Pursuant to 5031(d), the first annual certification is due within one year of the previous quadrennial certification. The following annual certifications however will become due one year from the previous annual certifications regardless of when the quadrennial certification was performed. Certifiers are required to date all certifications on the date that all deficiencies have been corrected and the crane involved meets all Title 8 requirements.

For a crane which received a quadrennial certification on 8/2/13, the first annual certification would be due on 8/2/14. If the first annual certification was delayed until 8/7/14, the following annual certification would be due on or before 8/7/15. The crane would be in violation of Title 8 if used between 8/3/14 and 8/7/14.

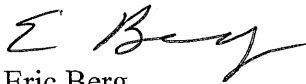
If an annual certification is done earlier than the anniversary date of the previous quadrennial certification, the following annual certifications must be done within one year of the previous annual certification. For a crane which received a quadrennial certification on 8/2/13 and an annual certification on 7/30/14, the next annual certification is due on or before 7/30/15.

Quadrennial certifications are due within 4 years of the previous quadrennial certification regardless of when previous annual certifications were conducted.

If any annual or quadrennial certifications are past their due dates, the employer may also comply with Title 8 requirements by keeping the crane out of service until the needed certification is completed.

I hope this helps clarify the crane certification requirements. If you have any further question, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Eric Berg
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