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Re: Safety Standards for Cranes and Derricks - OSHA Docket No. S-030  
Notice of proposed Negotiated Rulemaking Committee membership;  
request for comments (Federal Register Notice dated February 27,  
2003).

The International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) is a labor organization representing approximately 400,000 members in the United States and Canada. Many of our members are employed as skilled crane and derrick operators and mechanics who work for rental and leasing companies, general contractors and specialty contractors applying their skills, experience, knowledge and training to every sector of the construction industry.

By Federal Register Notice dated February 27, 2003, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration has developed a proposed list of Committee members to form the Crane and Derrick Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee. The Agency's goal was to ensure full and adequate representation of those interests that would be significantly affected by the proposed rule (as listed in Federal Register Notice dated July 16, 2002).

The IUOE wishes to commend the Agency on its development of the proposed list of Committee members for the Crane and Derrick Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee. The list encompasses a truly diverse cross section of stakeholders to the industry, the proposed committee members reflect the expertise and experience necessary for the promulgation of a new standard.

The International Union of Operating Engineers embraces the process of negotiated rulemaking to update the Safety Standards for Cranes and Derricks. Negotiated rulemaking allows stakeholders to the crane and derrick industry (Industry, Labor

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and Government) an opportunity to meet, communicate, negotiate and develop a regulation that will truly reflect the needs of this industry.

The IUOE is committed to improving crane and derrick safety, which is necessary for both the industry and our members who operate, maintain and repair this equipment. We look forward to working with OSHA and the Crane and Derrick Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee in developing the needed safety improvements for the industry.

If I can be of further assistance to you, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Hanley".

Frank Hanley  
General President

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