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Drawing the Line on Crane Safety Certification vs. Qualification

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Drawing the line on Safety certification versus qualification.

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SPEAKER 1: You wouldn't hop behind the wheel of a Formula One car just because you have a driver's license, would you? By the same token just because a crane operator is certified to operate a type of crane, it doesn't mean he or she is necessarily qualified to operate all cranes. Certification means a candidate has passed the required test and should know basic crane functions for the category of cranes they tested on.

But qualification refers to a higher level of knowledge about the safe operation of specific models and types of cranes. How much time has your operator spent on a rough terrain crane, a truck crane, an all terrain crane, a crawler crane, a carrier deck, or a boom truck?

[CRANE BUGLE CALL]

(DESCRIPTION)

A bird crane squawks.

(SPEECH)

Very funny. Operators need to familiarize themselves with a specific crane they're asked to operate. And employers need to ensure whether or not crane operators are qualified, rather than simply certified in order to draw the line on safety.

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