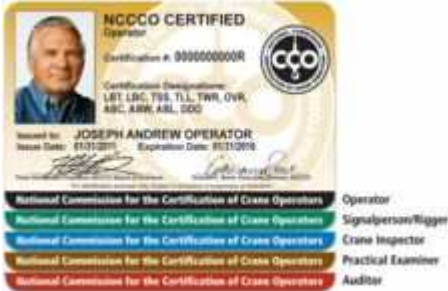




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## NCCCO Emphasizes Substance Abuse Policy



The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) has issued a statement confirming that its substance abuse policy remains in full force and effect, despite initiatives passed in Colorado and Washington permitting the use of marijuana for recreational purposes.

The NCCCO Substance Abuse Policy, as set forth in NCCCO's candidate handbooks, prohibits the use of illegal drugs, prescriptions, and any controlled substances that would impair the ability of individuals to perform their duties safely. This list of prohibited substances includes marijuana, whether used recreationally or prescribed for medical use.

"We wanted to make it perfectly clear that state initiatives regarding marijuana will have no bearing on the requirement that CCO-certified personnel comply with NCCCO's Substance Abuse Policy as well as the substance abuse testing provisions of the ASME B30 standard," said NCCCO executive director, Graham Brent.

Lifting personnel certified by NCCCO must attest to their compliance with its Substance Abuse Policy as a condition of certification. Non-compliance with the policy automatically revokes a candidate's certification status.