TECHNICAL APPENDIX 3 ES&H PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION

Mobile Crane - Safe To Operate Review Items

Third Party Inspection	This inspection can be verified by looking in the cab (drivers or operator's) for a metal plate that will show the name of the inspecting company, the serial number of the crane and the date it was inspected in accordance with ANSI B30 standard. If this plate cannot be found, have the operator show the paperwork from the third party that proves that the crane was inspected in the last 12 months from the date it is in operation at Fermilab. Note: Pay particular attention to the paperwork to see it has not been altered with white out Some crane rental companies have been caught	
	doing just that.	
Operator's Qualifications City of Chicago Operator's License, or Local 150 card	 Best gauge of the operator's skills. The City of Chicago makes operator's take a written exam and a practical test. If they have a license to operate in Chicago that is good enough for Fermilab work. If they are a Journeyman from local 150 of the Operating Engineers Union it means that they have undergone an apprenticeship and journeyman training that is suitable for Fermilab. If neither of the two conditions above is met the subcontractor must provide documentation of training and qualifications for evaluation by the CC and/or the ES&H Section. Call Safety for assistance (J. Cassidy Ext 8223 or Bob Arnold Ext 8001). 	
Condition of Equipment	Some of these checks are performed by climbing in the	
	operator's cab and looking around. They are identified by an asterisk (*)	
Anti-two block device installed	This is a safety device that prevents the block from bringing the boom over the maximum vertical angle and breaking or damaging the load.	
Hook and Latch	Look for visible deformation.	

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Wire rope in wedge socket (Becket) installed correctly	Nothing should be attached to the load side. The operator may loop the dead side around and attach it to itself with a Crosby clip or may take a piece of wire rope and attach it to the dead side with a Crosby clip. (As shown in the illustrations below).
	(a) Loop Back Method (b) Extra Piece of Same Size Rope is Clipped to Main Rope
Wire rope for gross damage or distortion Windshield free of cracks and clean	Just look at the wire rope for broken strands. If it does not look right it probably is not. Consult with Safety personnel. You need to check only the cab where the operator controls the clean crane while lifting. The windshield must be free of cracks, clean and free of distortion.
Operators Manual onboard and in readable condition.	Look at the manual and make sure it is readable and that pages are in readable condition not torn off the book. If in bad condition reject the crane. The operator needs the book as a reference and it should be readable and in good condition.
Load charts onboard and in readable condition	These charts are normally placed on the operator's cab fixed to the walls. They are laminated or printed on metal. Again, they must be readable. If unreadable, reject the crane and DO NOT OPERATE.
Operating controls clearly marked regarding their function.	Each control must be clearly marked as to the type of action that will happen when moved. Each degree of movement must be clearly and understandably marked. You must make a subjective decision if the markings are not legible or scratched
* Equipment fire extinguisher on board and charged.	Look at the fire extinguisher in the cab and check the gauge. It MUST be in the green arc. If there is no fire extinguisher you have a decision to make.
Crane boom angle device operating and readable.	Look outside on the boom to see the boom angle indicator. When the crane arrives and the boom is horizontal it must read zero. When the boom is lifted it must show something other than zero. Some newer crane designs have a digital readout on the operator's panel. If the angle indicator is not working DO NOT OPERATE THE CRANE. DO NOT LIFT OUR PROPERTY.
Check rope reeving in drum.	As you walk behind the crane look up at the drum. The wire rope should be reeving smoothly and each lay of the wire rope

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	should be spooling next to the previous one and in the grooves
	of the layers below. Any crossovers mean trouble. Reject the
	crane.
Hand signal placard on	Self-explanatory. If the operator is not using the standard
the outside of the crane	signals, the operator and signalman must get together and
cab	agree on the signals.
Visual indications of	If you see a lot of hydraulic fluid chances are there is, a problem
hydraulic leaks from	when the crane is loaded. Again, this is subjective on your part.
hydraulic hoses,	
particularly those that	
flex in normal operation.	

During Operation	
Tire inflation	Make sure that all the tires look the same regarding inflation.
	Only take action if a tire is under-inflated and you are operating
	"on the rubber". If using outriggers do not be concerned about
	the tire inflation.
If on outriggers, check	Normally crane manufacturers mark the full extension of the
they are fully extended	outrigger. If the operator is on outriggers and you cannot see
	the indicator STOP the lift. The crane lifting capacity is
	predicated on outriggers fully extended. There are no tables
	made for operating at less than full extension.
If on outriggers, check	If any tire is even barely touching the ground, the operator
that all tires are	must use the "on the rubber" charts. Once the crane is lifted
completely off the ground	check that there is empty space between the tire and the
	ground.
Check that loads are not	Any operator who swings loads over people "IS NOT" a good
swung over personnel	operator. This is grounds for stopping the lift and getting
	someone else because this is an accident waiting to happen. A
	well trained and experienced operator WILL NEVER swing
	over people.

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