



# eNewsletter

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## New OPCA Video & YouTube Channel

Our 2018 Annual Conference Keynote Address, *Celebrating OPCA: Then & Now* was recorded live by NK Telco Productions, and post-production was recently completed. We created our own YouTube channel and uploaded the video for public viewing at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLEI8LX4Kgw&t=1698s>

The video presents a historical review of the events leading to the incorporation of the Ohio Precast Concrete Association, accomplishments to date, and a look ahead into the future, along with memories and sage advice provided by some of the association's founders and family. Appearing in the video are, Darryl Cloud, Howard Wingert and Sam Lines of Concrete Sealants, OPCA Executive Director Toni Thompson, plus prerecorded visits with OPCA founders and charter members including Roland Lindsay and Mike Hoffman of Lindsay Precast; Chuck Babbert of E.C. Babbert



Mike Hoffman, Vice President(L) and Roland Lindsay, Founder of Lindsay Precast, appear in the new video, "Celebrating OPCA: Then & Now" which was originally presented as the Annual Conference Keynote Address in March.

Concrete Products; Chris Wooddell of the former Robert R. Oldham, Inc.; and John Lendrum of Norwalk Concrete Industries.

A repeating theme of the presentation is "Keeping It Going," in reference to the association's membership growth, solid reputation, comradery, and our awareness of industry opportunities & regulatory developments. One of the best ways to

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## Crane Operator Certification Update

On May 21, 2018, OSHA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) titled "Cranes and Derricks in Construction: Operator Qualification." The summary states, "OSHA proposes to update its standard for cranes and derricks in construction by permanently extending and clarifying each employer's duty to ensure the competency of crane operators through required training, certification or licensing, and evaluation. OSHA is also proposing to remove an existing provision that requires different levels of certification based on rated lifting capacity of equipment. This proposal would clarify that while testing

organizations are not required to issue certifications distinguished by rated capacities, they are permitted to do so. Finally, it would establish minimum requirements for determining operator competency. OSHA believes that this proposal would maintain safety and health protections for workers while reducing employers' compliance burdens."

The deadline for submitting public comments was originally published as June 20, 2018; however, on June 18, OSHA announced the public comment deadline was being extended by 15 days to July 5, to allow parties affected by the rule additional time to review the proposed

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## New Video and YouTube Channel *(continued from p.1)*

ensure a robust future is to offer more opportunities for member input and involvement not just in a trustee board capacity. An Education Task Group is being formed with the objective to gather educational topics and speaker information pertinent to the precast concrete business and present them to the Executive Director and Board of Trustees Liaison for consideration and coordination of future OPCA events. Representatives of four Associate and four Producer Member companies will form the

group. Their input will ensure future conference session topics and training opportunities are of current interest and benefit to our membership.

The OPCA Board of Trustees is also establishing a member recognition award, and will be researching selection criteria, frequency of presentation, and an official award name. Watch for more details in the next eNewsletter.

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rule and collect information and data necessary for comment.

It remains unknown as to whether this latest rulemaking proposal will affect the November 10 crane operator certification compliance deadline. Last month, we also learned that NPCA's efforts to test and roll-out the new NCCCO TLL exam were successful. In fact, tests are now available for CCO Telescopic Boom-Swing Cab Restricted (TLL-R) and Telescopic Boom-Fixed Cab Restricted cranes (TSS-R), as outlined in a July 31 NPCA

press release. To date, no testing sites are available in Ohio. We are monitoring news from OSHA and NPCA closely and will update our website and issue News Blasts via our group email server as any new developments are made known.

Sources:

-<http://precast.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/NCCCO-New-Crane-Operator-Exam.pdf> (Press release)

-<https://www.natlawreview.com/article/osha-issues-notice-proposed-rulemaking-crane-operator-certification-shifting>

## Respirable Silica Rule for General Industry & Maritime

Most provisions of the standard for respirable crystalline silica in general industry and maritime became enforceable June 23, 2018. The standard establishes a new 8-hour, time-weighted average permissible exposure limit and action level. During the first 30 days of enforcement, OSHA offered compliance assistance for employers making good faith efforts to comply with the new standard. OSHA plans to issue interim enforcement guidance until a compliance directive on the new standard is finalized. For more information, read the news release at:

<https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/trade/06082018>

**Watch the Compliance Introduction**

**Video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqZoaesBNjc>



OSHA's *Small Entity Compliance Guide for Respirable Crystalline Silica Standard for General Industry and Maritime* discusses methods of compliance, such as using engineering and work practice controls, assessing exposure levels, respirator use, medical surveillance, and written exposure plans. It can be downloaded for free here: <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3911.pdf>

In addition, NPCA and PCI have created a written silica exposure control plan manual. The manual is available on the NPCA Shop and is free for NPCA and PCI member companies.

### Did you Know?

NPCA's Magazines, *Precast Inc.* and *Precast Solutions* are now available online to the public?

Access the latest electronic (PDF) Issues at: <https://precast.org/publications/magazines/>

## New Members: Here We Grow Again!

The Ohio Precast Concrete Association welcomed another new member this quarter:

**-Norwalk Wastewater Equipment Company (Norweco, Inc.)** is a manufacturer of water and wastewater treatment products, systems and chemicals. Located in Norwalk, Ohio, they specialize in small-flow treatment applications, ranging from municipal treatment systems for small towns and villages, to

systems for the individual family home. Their products are designed to provide a high level of treatment in the most efficient, cost-effective manner. They place special focus on customer service, product innovation, research and development, regulatory cooperation, industry education and employee fulfillment. Their diverse customer base is served through licensed distributors and dealers across North America and around the world.

## Medical Marijuana in Ohio - Update

A recent Columbus Dispatch article reported that Ohio patients will not be able to buy Medical Marijuana on September 8, 2018, the date by which Ohio's medical cannabis program was to become "fully functional."

Processors, or those who will turn cannabis plants into edibles, oils, creams and tinctures, have yet to be selected. The 104 applicants were supposed to learn their outcome earlier this Spring, then in June. Mark Hamlin, senior policy adviser for the Department of Commerce, said processor licenses will be awarded in the coming weeks.

Ohio legalized medical marijuana in June, 2016. Over the past two years, the state has been working toward

setting up its own marijuana growers and dispensaries. While much of the focus has been on delays in awarding licenses, to date only two cultivators have been given the green light to grow marijuana, officials said. Those who have not received certificates of operation will now have to seek extensions before they can be inspected and approved. In addition, the patient registration portal has not yet come online.

Meanwhile, employers have been faced with reviewing their drug policies and deciding if and where changes should be made. Ohio's medical-marijuana law is loaded with protections for companies that want to stick with zero-tolerance policies when it comes to drugs, including marijuana. "Most [are] going to prohibit it for now, and they'll let employees know they run the risk of being terminated," predicted Justin Breidenbach, an assistant professor of accounting at Ohio Wesleyan University who studies the marijuana industry.

For the most part, state-court decisions have favored employers on issues involving hiring and firing related to a state's marijuana laws, according to the Legal

Intelligencer, a legal website. Those rulings tend to emphasize that marijuana remains illegal under federal law regardless of what a state law allows.

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workers for using the drug, and refuse to hire applicants if they use it. Workers fired for using marijuana probably wouldn't receive unemployment benefits and, if they were hurt on the job while under the influence, probably wouldn't receive workers' compensation benefits either. "Each business can decide what it wants to do," said Don Boyd, director of labor and legal affairs with the Ohio Chamber of Commerce.

NPCA offers a webinar, *Prescription Narcotics & Medical Marijuana: What Can Companies Do About This Safety Hazard?* It is presented by Julie Pace, Senior Member of The Cavanah Law Firm, in Phoenix, Arizona. Although recorded four years ago, as states began passage of medical and/or recreational marijuana usage laws, Ms. Pace's content remains useful to employers in Ohio today. For those who have not yet reviewed their drug policy considering the new medical marijuana law, the following sources will provide further insight.

-<https://www.ohiobar.org/NewsAndPublications/News/OSBANews/Pages/5-things-employers-should-know-about-Ohios-medical-marijuana-law.aspx>

-<http://www.dispatch.com/business/20180218/many-ohio-employers-likely-to-bar-medical-marijuana-use>

-<http://www.dispatch.com/news/20180720/delays-remain-in-start-of-ohio-medical-marijuana>

-<https://portal.precast.org/webapp/member-portal/#!/education/class-catalog/detail/1cc7e6e3-1998-e411-9a7d-00219ba1e85a>

### Did you Know?

NPCA has also posted free Safety Videos on YouTube. Titles include: Unsafe Areas & Equipment, Cranes & Lifting, Powered Industrial Truck Safety, Production Safety, Unsafe Materials, and General Safety.

Access them at: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2iDpO3EO42pYDjEgVdCX3cPpgA-DkIAj>

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## OUR PURPOSE

The Ohio Precast Concrete Association (OPCA) is a group of producer members and associated industries cooperating together as an association. The intent being to bring pertinent issues and information that impact the Precast Concrete Industry, to the attention of government agencies which participate in the origination of these issues.

The OPCA is interested in assisting these agencies by providing expert advice and counsel in the development of regulations involving the industry and the general public.

The OPCA producer and associate members whose products and services range from the construction of buildings and highways to the manufacture of precast concrete products for the treatment of commercial and residential waste water. The OPCA member products and services affect the lives of nearly every Ohioan on a daily basis.

Some specific areas of interest being pursued by the OPCA are as follows:

The introduction of new sewage guidelines relating to the specific construction and operation of home waste water treatment products (septic tanks, aerators, etc.) by the Ohio department of health and the Ohio EPA.

The introduction of programs and policies relating to the testing of materials and products being used on Ohio Department of Transportation projects.

The development of quality control procedures and inspections services training by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

The Ohio Precast Concrete Association will be expanding its' scope of interest as membership roles grow and diversify. The need for input, regarding issues and regulations which effect the large segment of the public which it serves, comes to the forefront.

# OPCA Member Companies (Live weblinks in red)

### **PRODUCER MEMBERS**

[Bluffton Precast Concrete](#)

[Carey Precast Concrete](#)

[E.C. Babbert, Inc.](#)

[Ecological Tanks, Inc.](#)

[Encore Precast, LLC](#)

[Everly Concrete Products, Inc.](#)

[Forterra Pipe and Precast](#)

[J.K. Precast, LLC](#)

[Lindsay Precast](#)

[Mack Industries](#)

[Migchelbrink, Inc.](#)

[MW Concrete](#)

[Norwalk Concrete Industries](#)

[Portage Septic Tank](#)

[Premier Precast Products](#)

[Quaker City Concrete Products, LLC](#)

[Scioto Valley Precast](#)

[Sickels Septic Tanks, Inc.](#)

[Spoerr Precast Concrete, Inc.](#)

[Stiger Precast, Inc.](#)

[Uniontown Septic Tank, Inc.](#)

[United Precast Industries, LLC](#)

[USA Precast Concrete, Ltd.](#)

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

[A-lok Products, Inc.](#)

[ALP Supply Inc.](#)

[Baughman Tile Company, Inc.](#)

[Blackthorn, LLC](#)

[Cavert Wire Company](#)

[Champion Pump Company](#)

[Concrete Sealants, Inc.](#)

[Consolidated Treatment Systems, Inc.](#)

[EJ USA, Inc.](#)

[EMH, Inc.](#)

[Engineered Wire Products, Inc.](#)

[EZG Manufacturing](#)

[Frostline, LLC](#)

[GCP Applied Technologies](#)

[Gotham Staple Co., Inc.](#)

[Hamilton Kent, LLC](#)

[Haarup North America, Inc.](#)

[Hill and Griffith Company](#)

[Infiltrator Systems, Inc.](#)

[Irving Equipment, LLC](#)

[Jet, Inc.](#)

[Lehigh Cement Co.](#)

[M.A. Industries](#)

[Mixer Systems, Inc.](#)

[Norwalk Precast Molds, Inc.](#)

[Norweco, Inc.](#)

[Ohio Electric Control, Inc.](#)

[Polylock, Inc. / Zabel Environmental](#)

[Premiere Concrete Admixtures, LLC](#)

[Press-Seal Corporation](#)

[St. Mary's Cement / Votorantim](#)

[Sika Corporation](#)

[Tuf-Tite, Inc.](#)

[W.P. Hilts & Company](#)

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS**

[Concrete Engineering Solutions](#)

[Delta Engineers](#)

[Knight Insurance, Matt Werner](#)