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**Garrison Diversion O&M Employees Receive Certification**

CARRINGTON, ND (April 2, 2015) - Garrison Diversion Conservancy District (Garrison Diversion) operations and maintenance (O&M) employees underwent training to receive recertification in rigging/signalperson, overhead, and mobile crane operations.

The training is necessary to comply with OSHA regulations and also ensures safety when the O&M staff is performing a variety of jobs. Overhead cranes are utilized when servicing pumps in pumping plants maintained by Garrison Diversion.

Staff members also received training for mobile cranes. The certification allows staff to operate the majority of mobile cranes including boom trucks and telescoping booms. The staff received their rigger/signalperson recertification. The recertification class instructed staff on how to properly secure loads and equipment. The course also taught proper signals for directing a crane operator.

Garrison Diversion O&M staff participated in the recertification courses along with several Bureau of Reclamation staff members. Judy Allmaras, Safety Coordinator for Garrison Diversion said, "The courses taught by the Crane Institute of America, Inc. are exceptional. The instruction our staff received will benefit them on a daily basis." Certification is valid for two years.