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Bechtel's VIT Plant Requires CCO Operators

One of the most populous crane sites in the northwest right now is the River Corridor Project at Hanford, Washington.

No fewer than 33 cranes are engaged in the construction of Bechtel's Vitrification plant there, a vast complex of treatment plants that will convert dangerous radioactive waste to stable glass.

Cranes onsite range from 10 ton boom trucks to a 650 ton Demag with luffing boom. They include 10 Link-Belt lattice and telescopic boom cranes of 100 ton capacity and above, and nine Terex telescopics. Three Potain MD1400 tower cranes stand up to 240 ft. high.

As a condition of work on the project, and as part of its overall risk management program, Bechtel requires that all crane operators be CCO-certified. Curt Koegen, IUOE 370, based in Spokane, reports that there are a total of 38 operators certified by the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators working at the plant.