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TO: All Concerned Stakeholders

**RE: Enhancing Fire Safety in Occupancies Housing Vulnerable Ontarians, Ontario
Regulation 150/13.**

I am very pleased to announce the filing of Ontario Regulation 150/13 on May 9, 2013.

Regulation 150/13 introduces amendments to the Fire Code that will come into force on January 1, 2014. These important amendments represent a significant milestone in Ontario's fire safety history. It follows from the government's commitment and consultations to improve fire safety in facilities that house our most vulnerable residents. Based on the expert recommendations of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), led by the Office of the Fire Marshal, these improvements will be achieved through a multi-pronged strategy of mandatory inspections, training and upgrades to existing buildings, including the installation of automatic sprinkler systems.

Some elements of the regulation will take effect immediately on January 1, 2014, and others will have a phased implementation ranging from 2 months to 5 years from the in force date for care occupancies and retirement homes regulated under the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010*, and up to 11 years for certain care and treatment occupancies.

[Ontario Regulation 150/13](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca) can be found at the Government of Ontario e-Laws website at www.e-laws.gov.on.ca. Further information about the amendments, including a detailed compliance schedule, will be posted on the Office of the Fire Marshal's website at www.ontario.ca/firemarshal, in the coming weeks.

As identified in the public consultation, certain components of the TAC's recommendations related to mandatory fire department participation in annual fire drills and setting up of a municipal registry of vulnerable occupancies will be implemented in consultation with stakeholder working groups.

The TAC's recommendations in respect to harmonized definitions and enhanced fire safety in newly constructed retirement homes regulated under the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010* have also been implemented through [Ontario Regulation 151/13](#) which amends the 2012 Building Code (O.Reg. 332/12) and also comes into effect on January 1, 2014.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Technical Services Section at 416-325-3100 or by email at FireSafetyStandards@ontario.ca. Questions in connection with the Building Code amendments may be directed to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Building and Development Branch at 416-585-6666 or by email at codeinfo@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Wieclawek', written in a cursive style.

Tadeusz (Ted) Wieclawek
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