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TO: All Concerned Stakeholders

I am very pleased to invite you to participate in a consultation on the implementation of our Technical Advisory Committee's (TAC) recommendations to enhance carbon monoxide (CO) safety for all Ontario residents. We are hosting a web-based public consultation on a package of amendments to the Fire Code and are accepting comments between March 25, 2014, and May 9, 2014.

This consultation focuses on proposed changes to the Fire Code as recommended by the TAC, relating to CO alarm installation, maintenance, testing, and replacement in residential buildings. Details of the TAC recommendations are provided in the report, "Report on Improving Carbon Monoxide Safety for Ontarians", which can be found at the following website:

www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/FireMarshal/Legislation/TechnicalGuidelinesandReports/OFM_COalarms.html.

In addition, the consultation also includes proposed Fire Code changes to current smoke alarm requirements to ensure their testing, maintenance and replacement provisions are consistent with the proposed CO alarm requirements. Our Ministry previously consulted on several of the smoke alarm related changes in spring 2012.

I am grateful to the Technical Advisory Committee for their time and effort in arriving at such well thought out recommendations. If implemented, these changes will help us reach our objective of improving the safety of all Ontario residents from the harmful effects of carbon monoxide.

The primary platform for the consultation is the internet. You can access the website at www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=15722&language=en. We encourage you to provide feedback by using the online comment form.

Your input is vital to ensuring the safety of Ontarians, and we look forward to hearing your views on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Wieclawek".

Tadeusz (Ted) Wieclawek
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