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Darryl Walker
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Dear Mr. Walker:

Thank you for your letter of November 19, 2012, concerning recent correspondence provided to Corrections Branch staff. I appreciate that the choice of words in some local-level communication to staff may have left room for misunderstanding.

Since receipt of your letter I have discussed these concerns with Mr. Dean Purdy and believe we have clarified the situation. Our communication was intended to remind staff of existing practices that have been in place since 2005 and to advise them to notify their manager (previously was supervisor) when they are going to be absent from work.

As discussed with Dean, we have sent an e-mail to all staff which included a copy of a memo from 2005 regarding attendance expectations and highlighting the minor change to the notification procedure.

Sincerely,

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Provincial Director

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