

# Let's Be Resolute for the New Year

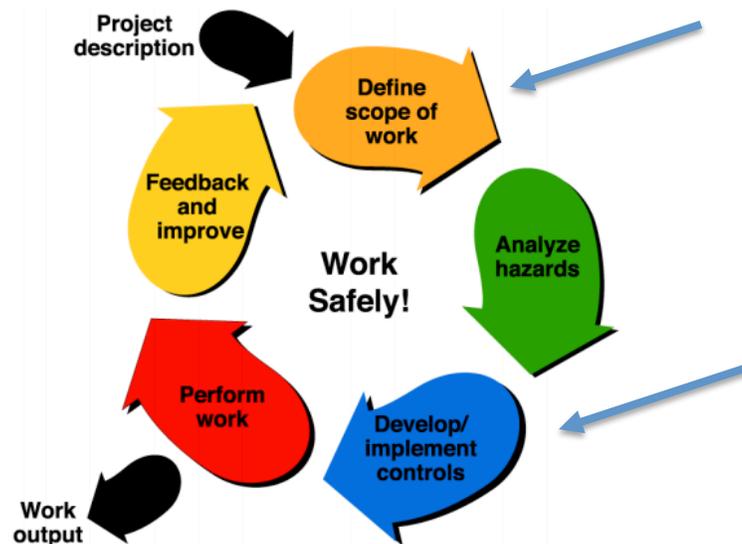
## Working Within Scope and Controls

*Message from Michael Wisherop, 6 January 2016*

Have you made New Year's Resolutions? Many of us do. Whether its health, school, work, or personal goals we set, the challenge is to stick with it. Change isn't always easy, but if we support each other in our efforts and encourage us to keep at it, we can overcome the challenges.

**The Materials Sciences Division has a New Year's Safety Resolution as well: Using Integrated Safety Management (ISM) to check that we are working within the established WPC Activities' Scope and Controls.**

This means using the ISM process to periodically check your work against assigned WPC Activities. If you discover situations NOT covered by your WPC Activities, stop what you are doing, and discuss with your supervisor. Together you should develop a solution and, most importantly, implement the solution. This might be modifying the Activity, getting added to another Activity, or creating a whole new Activity.



Working outside of scope has caused personnel injuries and equipment damage. In one instance a researcher simply offered to help a mechanic lift a heavy pump onto a cart. But lifting heavy objects was not in this researcher's scope of work, nor had he been trained in proper techniques for lifting heavy objects. The result was a back strain injury to the researcher, and days of work lost to rehabilitation.

**Be an active participant in the MSD New Year's Safety Resolution by:**

1. Periodically review the scope of your work as well as the established controls of the Activity covering your work
2. Ensure that you are only working under WPC Activities for which you are authorized
3. Understand the scope of work for those Activities and work within that Scope
4. Follow all the required controls
5. If it is unclear whether you are working within scope, you do not understand the controls, or you identify changes in your work, stop work and ask the Activity Lead or PI for assistance.

Let's all have a SAFE, healthy and productive 2016!

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