Title: Station Scientist Job Assessment		Assessed By:	:	
Step 1	Step 2	What are you already doing?	Step 3:	Step 4:
What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?		What further action is necessary?	How will you put the Assessment into action?

Hazard/Task or Situation				Action by whom	By when	Done
Fall from height	Equipment may necessitate work above ground level. Stumbling or falling may result in injury.	Suitable access equipment available (e.g. steps or 'elephant' stool).	Basic training in Work at Height.			
Trapped by something falling.	Dismantling or moving equipment could be dropped or fall causing crush injuries.	Riggers should move heavy equipment. Suitable access equipment should be used for equipment located above shoulder height.				
Contact with electricity	Incorrectly installed or maintained electrical equipment could present a risk of electrical shock.	Electrical equipment should be regularly inspected. Installation or testing should only be carried out by a competent person.	Basic training in electrical safety should be considered.			
Use of VDU	Eye strain, fatigue and head aches. Back and upper limb injuries from incorrect posture and equipment.	Suitable workstation equipment is provided.  Initial VDU assessment available on-line.	Basic VDU training package, available on-line.  VDU glasses will be provided where necessary.			
Exposure to ionising radiation		Controlled access system in place.	General Radiation Training.			
Exposure to non-ionising radiation			General LASER safety training.  Risk assessment should identify suitable PPE.			

Slip, trip or fall	Minor injuries from stumbling over loose cables or spilt oil etc.	General housekeeping maintained.			
Struck by moving or falling object	Equipment at height may fall causing injuries depending on size and weight of equipment.  Remotely operated equipment may move unexpectedly causing injury	Equipment located at height is securely fastened and inspected regularly.  Warning systems provided for remotely operated equipment.	Assess for suitable PPE (shoes, bump hat, etc.)		
Exposure to fire		Automatic fire protection systems in place.	Training in evacuation procedures.		
Injured while handling	Incorrect lifting and handling of heavy or awkward objects may result in back or muscular injuries.	Manual handling assessment should be carried out.  Basic training package available on-line.	Basic training in manual handling.		
Exposure to hazardous substance	Exposure to harmful substances may cause chronic or acute harm.	MSDS should be made available. This will identify possible harm and suitable control measures.	Basic training in COSHH assessment.  Specific training may be required for particularly hazardous chemicals such as cyanide or hydrogen fluoride.  COSHH assessment should identify PPE requirements.		
Exposure to noise	Temporary or permanent hearing loss may be experienced from noisy areas	Noisy areas identified and suitable PPE provided.			

Step 5 Review Date:

- Review your assessment to make sure you are still improving, or at least not sliding back.

  If there is a significant change in your workplace, remember to check your risk assessment and where necessary, amend it.