



# SCIENCE INTEGRITY POLICY

## ABOUT THE SCIENCE INTEGRITY LEAD

### WHO IS THE SCIENCE INTEGRITY LEAD?

- The Science Integrity Lead (SIL) is appointed by the Deputy Minister and the Chief of the Defence Staff through the Assistant Deputy Minister (Defence Research and Development Canada).
- Effective 1 April 2024, the Department of National Defence (DND) and the Canadian Armed Forces' (CAF) Science Integrity Lead is the Defence Research and Development Canada (DRDC) Chief Scientist.

### WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE SCIENCE INTEGRITY LEAD?

#### SIP Education

- The SIL works with the Departmental Ethics Program (DEP) to provide education on the Science Integrity Policy (SIP) and to address allegations of breaches of SIP.

#### SIP breach process

- In cases of alleged breaches of scientific integrity, DND employees and CAF members can seek advice and support from the SIL.
- In the event of an allegation of breach of scientific integrity, directors, managers and supervisors are responsible for bringing allegations to the attention of the SIL.
- The SIL will ensure that alleged breaches of the SIP are promptly and thoroughly reviewed.
- The SIL will notify all parties involved of the allegation.
- The SIL will ensure an informal or formal investigation by appropriate independent and competent experts.
- The SIL will make a determination of the severity of a breach based on the SIP breach process evaluation criteria.

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