
Scoping a Kaizen Event

We all want as much improvement as possible for each kaizen deployed. And this may be the basis of *scope creep*, a powerful urge to increase the breadth of area covered by a kaizen, or add a few more objectives.

Resist! Too large a scope actually *decreases* results in the long run because the new procedures aren't fully developed during the event and don't take hold. Keep the scope tight. When in doubt, remember the phrase "narrow and deep". Keep the scope narrow, and allow the team time to go deep on trialing, documenting, and training on the new procedures. You'll sustain more of the gains, and create a much more positive experience for everyone involved.

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