



## **OGTR MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES**

The Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) has developed a proactive strategy for monitoring and compliance in line with the *Gene Technology Act 2000*.

- **When will monitoring occur?**

Most monitoring in respect of each intentional release occurs at 'high risk' stages such as flowering or harvesting times. In some cases the OGTR will also conduct unannounced 'spot checks' to ensure licence holders are complying with legislative requirements at all times.

- **Who will undertake monitoring visits?**

Inspectors or authorised persons appointed by the Gene Technology Regulator under the *Gene Technology Act 2000* undertake monitoring and compliance activities. Inspectors or authorised persons may be assisted by an independent expert relevant to the particular monitoring activity.

- **What happens during a monitoring visit?**

The purpose of monitoring visits is to find out whether the Act and the regulations are being complied with.

*A monitoring visit may involve:*

- Interviews with the owner of the property or other personnel on the property;
- Observation of activities and the property; and
- Recording of findings.

- **Reporting on the monitoring visits and implementing followup action.**

Where non-compliance with licence conditions is identified, the report will include any appropriate corrective action required, including timeframes for implementation of that action.

Findings from monitoring and compliance activities are reported in the OGTR Quarterly Report.

If you believe you have identified a potential breach, the OGTR wants to hear from you.

Allegations can be lodged via the OGTR website: [www.ogtr.gov.au/monitoring/form.htm](http://www.ogtr.gov.au/monitoring/form.htm) or by contacting the OGTR Hotline on 1800 181 030.

The OGTR appreciates notification of any potential breaches. All calls will be taken seriously and all allegations will be investigated.

- **For further information contact us:**

Office of the Gene Technology Regulator  
MDP 54, PO Box 100  
Woden ACT 2606  
Freecall: 1800 181 030  
Fax: 02 6271 4202  
Email: [ogtr@health.gov.au](mailto:ogtr@health.gov.au)  
Website: [www.ogtr.gov.au](http://www.ogtr.gov.au)

