

Quarterly activities report for July – September 2017

The quarterly activities include details of monitoring and compliance activities by the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) during the quarter.

Monitoring of GMO Dealings involving Intentional Release (DIR)

During the quarter OGTR inspected **7 GM plant field trial sites** (Table 1). The inspections comprised:

- Current field trial sites – Of the **37** sites current in the quarter, **3** were inspected. As these three sites had never been visited before by OGTR they were selected for a routine, announced inspection to assess compliance with licence conditions.
- Post-harvest field trial sites – Of the **59** sites subject to post-harvest monitoring in the quarter, **4** were inspected. The two Victorian sites were selected for inspection to assist OGTR in assessing the licence holders request for sign-off from monitoring obligations.

Table 1 – Summary of inspection activities of GM crop field trials for the July – September 2017 quarter.

Licence holder	Licence Number	GM Crop	Site location (crop status ¹)
Department of Primary Industries Victoria	DIR 047	White Clover	Southern Grampians (1P)
	DIR 103	Canola	Horsham (1P)
Go Resources Pty Ltd	DIR 131	Safflower	Wyndham-East Kimberley (2C, 2P)
Monsanto Australia Ltd	DIR 147	Cotton	Wyndham-East Kimberley (1C)

¹C = current site, P = post-harvest site

Monitoring of GMO Dealings Not involving Intentional Release (DNIR), certified facilities and DIR clinical trials

During the quarter OGTR inspected **6** organisations holding certified facilities (Table 2), **2** undertaking DNIR licences and **1** undertaking a DIR clinical trial (Table 3).

These inspections were all routine and announced. Authorisations were selected based on a range of considerations including time since they were last inspected, relevant compliance history and the specific risks associated with the authorisations.

Table 2 – Summary of organisations and facility types that the OGTR inspected for the July – September 2017 quarter.

Organisation	Physical Containment (PC) level	Number of facilities monitored
BioFoundry Ltd	PC1 Facility	1 ²
Curtin University	PC3 Laboratory	1
Deakin University	PC1 Facility	1
	PC2 Animal	1
	PC2 Laboratory	2
	PC2 Plant	3
Menzies School of Health Research	PC3 Laboratory	1
National Measurement Institute	PC2 Laboratory	1
The University of Western Australia	PC2 Animal	1
	PC2 Aquatic	1
Total		13

²Monitoring and Compliance staff accompanied by two members of the Department’s Graduate Development Programme visited this facility for the purposes of stakeholder engagement and to aid the development of the Graduates’ skills and knowledge.

Table 3 – Summary of inspection activities for DNIR licences and DIR clinical trial licences for the July – September 2017 quarter.

Licence holder	Licence Number
Clinical Network Services Pty Ltd	DIR-140
Deakin University	DNIR-512
The University of Western Australia	DNIR-090
	DNIR-210
	DNIR-456

Practice Reviews, Audits and Investigations

No practice reviews, audits or investigations were conducted during the quarter.

Other activities

Monitoring and Compliance staff also undertook visits of importing nurseries (holders of inadvertent dealings licences) who were inadvertently in possession of GM petunia varieties to ensure that they were able to dispose of their stock in an appropriate manner.

Monitoring and Compliance Findings

Findings from routine monitoring, auditing and investigations, and related enforcement activities, will be provided in the Regulator's Annual Report in accordance with section 136 of the *Gene Technology Act 2000*.