

Quarterly activities report for July – September 2016

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 **15 GM plant field trial sites** (Table 1).

The inspections comprised:

Current field trial sites: Of the 42 sites current in the quarter, five were inspected. This represents a monitoring rate of **12 per cent** of all current sites for the quarter.

Post-harvest field trial sites: Of the 67 sites subject to post-harvest monitoring in the quarter, 10 were inspected. This represents an inspection rate of **15 per cent** of all sites subject to post-harvest monitoring in this quarter.

Table 1 – Summary of inspection activities of GM crop field trials for the July – September 2016 quarter.

Licence holder	Licence Number	GM Crop	Site location (crop status ¹)
Go Resources	DIR 131	Safflower	Narrabri (c, p)
Monsanto Australia Ltd	DIR 120	Cotton	Goondiwindi (p) Moree Plains (p) Narrabri (p)
Nuseed Pty Ltd	DIR 123	Canola	Ararat (c, p) Horsham (c)
Victorian Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources	DIR 089	White clover	Corowa (p)

¹c=current site, p = post-harvest sited

Monitoring of GMO Dealings Not involving Intentional Release (DNIR) and certified facilities

During the quarter OGTR inspected eight organisations holding certified facilities (Table 2) and five organisations undertaking DNIR licences (Table 3).

Table 2 – Summary of organisations and facility types that the OGTR inspected for the July – September 2016 quarter.

Organisation	Physical Containment (PC) level	Number of facilities monitored
Barwon Health, VIC	PC2 facility	1
Charles Sturt University, NSW	PC2 facility	6
CSIRO, VIC	PC3 facility	1
EnGeneIC Ltd, NSW	PC2 facility	1
Olivia Newton John Cancer Research Institute	PC2 facility	3
	PC3 facility	1
RMIT University	PC2 facility	1
TREIDLIA BIOVET Pty Ltd, NSW	PC2 facility	1
Victoria University, VIC	PC2 facility	2
Total		17

Table 3 – Summary of inspection activities for DNIR licences for July – September 2016 quarter.

Licence holder	Licence Number
Amgen, VIC	DNIR 461
	DNIR 559
Deakin University, VIC	DNIR 512
EnGeneIC Ltd, NSW	DNIR 261
RMIT University	DNIR 560
TREIDLIA BIOVET Pty Ltd, NSW	DNIR 549
Total	6

There were no practice reviews, audits and investigations completed in the quarter.

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*.