

Quarterly activities report for October – December 2015

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 licence Dealings involving Intentional Release (DIR)

During the quarter OGTR inspected **9 GM plant field trial sites** (Table 1).

The inspections comprised:

Current field trial sites: Of the 44 sites current in the quarter, 5 were inspected. This represents a monitoring rate of **11 per cent** of all current sites for the quarter.

Post-harvest field trial sites: Of the 58 sites subject to post-harvest monitoring in the quarter, 4 were inspected. This represents an inspection rate of **7 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 October – December 2015 quarter.

Licence holder	Licence Number	GM Crop	Site location (crop status ¹)
Victorian Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources	DIR 122	Wheat	Horsham (c, p)
	DIR 103	Canola	Horsham (p)
CSIRO	DIR 131	Safflower	West Wimmera (c), Horsham (c)
Nuseed Pty Ltd	DIR 123	Canola	West Wimmera (c)
Pioneer Hi-Bred Australia Pty Ltd	DIR 114	Canola	Yarriambiack (c, 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 seven organisations holding certified facilities (Table 2) and three organisations undertaking DNIR licences (Table 3). Joint inspections with the Department of Agriculture were conducted at the University of Queensland as part of an ongoing pilot program of harmonisation of inspection activities between the two agencies.

Table 2 – Summary of organisations and facility types that the OGTR inspected for the October – December 2015 quarter.

Organisation	Physical Containment (PC) level	Number of facilities inspected
Griffith University, Qld	PC2 facility	2
	PC3 facility	2
QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute, Qld	PC3 facility	2
Princess Margaret Hospital, WA	PC2 facility	3
Western Diagnostic Pathology (Vetpath), WA	PC2 facility	1
The Lions Eye Institute Limited, WA	PC2 facility	7
Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, Vic	PC3 facility	2
The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, Vic	PC3 facility	1
Total		20

Table 3 – Summary of inspection activities for DNIR licences for October – December 2015 quarter.

Licensed Organisation Name	Licence Number
Griffith University, Qld	DNIR 389, 555
QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute, Qld	DNIR 485
Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research and Public Health, Vic	DNIR 187
Total	4

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.