

Quarterly activities report for July – September 2024

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 **13 GM plant field trial sites** (Table 1). The inspections comprised:

- Current field trial sites – of the **eight** sites current in the quarter, **four** were inspected.
- Post-harvest field trial sites – of the **23** sites subject to post-harvest monitoring in the quarter, **nine** were inspected.

Table 1 – Summary of inspection activities of GM crop field trials for the July – September 2024 quarter.

Licence holder	Licence Number	GM Crop	Site location (crop status ¹)
Grasslanz Technology Australia Pty Limited	DIR-176	White Clover	VIC (1C) VIC (1PH)
The University of Melbourne	DIR-165	Wheat	VIC (1C) VIC (5PH)
Nuseed Pty Ltd	DIR-188	Canola	VIC (1C) VIC (1PH)
The University of Adelaide	DIR-201	Wheat & Barley	SA (1C)
The University of Adelaide	DIR-186	Wheat & Barley	SA (2PH)
Total			13

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

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

Table 2 – Summary of organisations and facility types that the OGTR inspected for the July – September 2024 quarter.

¹ C = current site, PH = post-harvest site.

Organisation	Physical Containment (PC) level	Number of facilities monitored
The University of Queensland	PC2 Laboratory	9
	PC2 Animal Facility	2
	PC2 Invertebrate	1
Zuellig Pharma SSG Australia Pty Ltd	PC2 Laboratory	1
Total		13

Table 3 – Summary of inspection activities for DNIR licences for the July – September 2024 quarter.

Licence holder	Licence number
The University of Queensland	DNIR-518
The University of Queensland	DNIR-616
Novotech (Australia) Pty Limited	DNIR-629
Novotech (Australia) Pty Limited	DNIR-671
Novotech (Australia) Pty Limited	DNIR-683

Practice Reviews, Audits and Investigations

The Monitoring and Compliance section may initiate Practice Reviews in response to observations made during earlier monitoring activities, or to follow up incident reports. The objective is to determine if licence conditions can be, and are being, effectively implemented. No practice reviews were undertaken during the quarter.

During the July – September 2024 quarter the OGTR continued an audit of Monash University in Victoria.

Audit findings will be reported in the Regulator’s Annual Report once the respective audit has been completed.

Other Activities

The 10th National Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) Forum was held in Canberra from 16 to 18 September 2024. The forum encourages IBC representatives from Accredited

Organisations to engage with each other and the OGTR on topics relevant to the regulation of genetically modified organisms in Australia.

Monitoring and Compliance Findings

Findings from routine monitoring, auditing, 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*.