



# NEWSLETTER

Recombinant DNA Monitoring Committee

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## Your IBC

Farewell to Tracy Murray (RSC). We thank her for her service to the IBC as the RSC liaison officer. Welcome to new liaison officer Dr Ruhu Qi (RSC).

## Updated Notifiable Low Risk Dealings (NLRD) application forms

The NLRD application forms have undergone a review. The risk management sections 5a, 5b and 5c (non-plant research application form) and 6a, 6b and 6c (plant research application form) have been updated. To access the updated NLRD application forms, please go to: <https://services.anu.edu.au/research-support/ethics-integrity/applications-for-approval>

## Change of waste disposal contractors.

The University is currently in negotiations to change its waste disposal contractor. As the University is responsible for ensuring that all GMO waste generated within the University is disposed in accordance with the OGTR disposal regulations, the IBC will be monitoring this closely.

All approved DNIR work will already have specified the required waste disposal methods in the original application. Any changes to waste disposal will require a variation request to be sent through to the OGTR detailing the new waste disposal methods. Waste disposal can only be carried out using the existing methods until the variation has been approved. As such, the IBC will ensure that the new contractors have the capacity to carry out all waste disposal methods specified in approved DNIR applications.

## Annual Laboratory Inspections 2015

Thanks to everyone for preparing labs for the annual laboratory inspections. Thank you to Harris Korres, Kelly Debono and Anesh Nair for acting as inspectors.

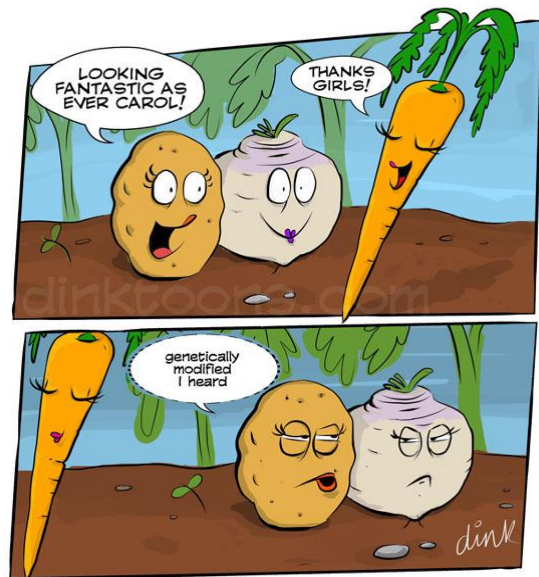


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## Surrendering Facility/Laboratory certification

When a facility/laboratory no longer requires PC2 certification, the facility manager/laboratory leader must email [rdna.officer@anu.edu.au](mailto:rdna.officer@anu.edu.au) to advise the Secretary of the IBC that:

- Actions have been taken to remove GMOs requiring containment from the facility, either by transportation to another certified facility or by destruction.
- All surfaces and equipment in the facility/laboratory that were used to handle GMOs have been decontaminated. For more information on decontamination, please refer to the [IBC Guidelines on Facility/Laboratory Decontamination](#).
- All surfaces and equipment in the facility that were used to handle GMOs have been decontaminated. Facilities to be surrendered must be completely free of laboratory debris.

PLEASE NOTE: No structural modification or demolition is permitted in facilities awaiting decertification. Alterations that affect the integrity of containment are not allowed in an OGTR Certified Facility until formal notification of decertification has been received from the OGTR.

## **Work with any type of GMO must be approved by the IBC**

If you are working with recombinant organisms of any type (including transformed cell lines and routine cloning) **you must have the written approval of the IBC**. The IBC has an obligation to ensure that all GM work is correctly classified and that all GM work classified as non-exempt is monitored. Please email [rdna.officer@anu.edu.au](mailto:rdna.officer@anu.edu.au) describing your work and you will receive prompt and helpful feedback!

## **Visit the IBC Website**

The ANU Recombinant DNA Monitoring Committee has a website and we invite you to visit us at <https://services.anu.edu.au/research-support/ethics-integrity>

On our website you can find information about GMOs with links to OGTR requirements, copies of our newsletters, facility inspection requirements, information about applying for a dealing (exempt, NLRD, DNIR or DIR), application forms and more.

## **Need help?**

Contact the IBC Secretary,  
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