The Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) has legislative powers to enforce the Gene Technology Act 2000 and the accompanying Gene Technology Regulations 2001. Part of the role of the Regulator is to monitor compliance of accredited organisations with the Act. The OGTR accredits organisations and certifies facilities (laboratories) to conduct work involving Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs). In order to gain accreditation, the organisation must comply with a number of conditions imposed by the Regulator which include:

- “...having an Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) or having access to one which is maintained by another institution”.
- “...maintaining a register of all ....dealings undertaken within the organisation”.
- “...maintaining a list of people working in containment facilities”.
- “...shall submit an annual report to the Regulator in accordance with Guidelines issued by the Regulator”.
- “...develop internal operating procedures in relation to the management of GMOs, consistent with all elements of the legislative scheme including the Regulator's guidelines”.
- “...shall have in place appropriate procedures for dealing with accidents and incidents with GMOs”.
- “... shall ensure that personnel dealing with GMOs are appropriately trained and conversant with the requirements of the Regulator relevant to the particular dealings with the GMO”.
- “...shall have appropriate mechanisms in place to address conflict of interest, particularly within IBCs”.
- “...shall have appropriate arrangements in place for the indemnification of IBC members”.

The University of Wollongong IBC acts in all matters relating to the OGTR. The IBC is called the Gene Technology Review committee and information on the committee can be found at http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/ethics/biosafety/

ON-LINE TRAINING MODULE AND ASSOCIATED ON-LINE QUIZ

In order to satisfy the requirement for appropriate training, it is necessary for all Chief Investigators, Co-investigators, Laboratory personnel and Post-graduate students working with GMOs to complete the on-line training module and associated on-line quiz.

NOTE: Prior to commencing the quiz it is suggested that you print a copy of the training module for reference during completion and submission of the quiz.

PLEASE NOTE: Completion and submission of the quiz is a pre-requisite to gaining IBC approval to carry out any gene technology work, and a requirement for Accreditation of the Organisation. The University must keep records of this training and present it if requested to do so by the OGTR. The failure of any relevant staff and students to complete the required training places the Accreditation of our University at risk. Without Accreditation our laboratories cannot be certified for gene technology activities.