

GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMO).

PURPOSE

To provide guidance for the use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

1 SCOPE AND PRINCIPLES

1.1. The use of all GMOs is regulated by the Federal Government Gene Technology Act (2000) and Regulations (2001). If you want to work with GMOs then you must work within this gene technology regulatory system. The system regulates all activities with GMOs, including their purchase, importation, construction, culturing, storage and disposal.

1.2. These Guidelines recognise that GMOs are a hazard.

1.3. At Curtin, the use of all GMOs also needs IBC approval before you can begin.

1.4. These Guidelines apply to any person at Curtin University who is in any way associated with the storage, handling, use or disposal of GMOs. Those people will act to minimise the potential for harm arising out of working with GMOs, and to comply with the gene technology regulatory system.

1.5. These Guidelines apply whether a person is working at a Curtin Campus or not at a Curtin site.

2 METHODS FOR USING GMOs

2.1 Working with GMOs in a Curtin lab.

2.1.1. Apply to the IBC for approval by following the steps on this website

<http://research.curtin.edu.au/research-integrity-ethics/biosafety/genetically-modified-organisms/> .

2.1.2. You cannot purchase or begin to work with a GMO until you have IBC approval.

2.1.3. You will also need to attend the next OGTR training session, and your lab manager will let you know when that will be held.

2.2 Working with GMOs in a non-Curtin lab.

2.2.1. If you want to work with GMOs at a non-Curtin university or hospital, you will need to apply to the IBC who takes care of that site.

2.2.2. You must follow all the instructions of that non-Curtin institution.

2.2.3. You do not also need to apply to Curtin's IBC.

2.3 Unsure

2.3.1. If you do not know which IBC to apply to, or you want to work with GMOs in a location that is not overseen by an IBC, then contact the Biosafety Advisor bernadette.bradley@curtin.edu.au for assistance.

2 RELATED DOCUMENTS/LINKS/FORMS

- GMO information and application forms <http://research.curtin.edu.au/research-integrity-ethics/biosafety/genetically-modified-organisms/> .

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