

## *Policy for Registration of Transgenic Plant or Organism Field Tests*

All experiments, research, and other activities involving transgenic plant or organism field tests performed at Rutgers University shall be conducted in accordance with applicable sections of the NIH's "Guidelines for Research Involving rDNA Molecules" and with applicable sections of "Introduction of Organisms and Products Altered or Produced Through Genetic Engineering Which are Plant Pests or Which There is Reason to Believe are Plant Pests" (7 CFR 330 and 340). The NIH Guidelines call for review of all research involving rDNA molecules by the University Biosafety Committee.

At Rutgers, the approval process is initiated by researchers who complete the Registration Document for Transgenic Plant/Organism Field Test. The registration document should be submitted to the Biosafety Officer (at REHS) in advance of the field test start date. When the Biosafety Officer receives the application, it may be provisionally approved pending the final approval of the Biosafety Committee. Once provisional approval has been granted, research may begin on the project.

The Biosafety Officer is available to discuss issues pertaining to the completion and applicability of the registration document.