

## EPA approves standardized set of controls for GM research

The Environmental Protection Authority has approved two applications by a group of New Zealand universities, Crown Research Institutes and independent research organisations to use genetically modified (GM) *Arabidopsis thaliana* in containment. *Arabidopsis thaliana*, also known as Thale cress, is used worldwide to study plant biology and genetics. The applications were made on behalf of the University of Auckland, Massey University, the University of Otago, Lincoln University, Scion Research, AgResearch, ViaLactia Biosciences New Zealand, Plant & Food Research, and Canterbury University. The purpose of the applications was to ensure that all GM *Arabidopsis* research in New Zealand is subject to controls allowing for consistent compliance and enforceability.

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