

- No preparations were detected for a rapid clean-up or decontamination of the factory area or the interior of the plant.
- On-site preparations for chemical accidents (emergency gas masks etc.) were those normally to be expected at an industrial chemical plant of the type inspected.
- The plant was not separated from other factories of the complex (i.e., no plant-specific security regime, no separate supply lines or waste/effluent transportation and treatment).

3. Given all these data, the inspection team concluded that the plant's chemical supply, technological and safety layout, and security regime were not to be considered well-suited for a production of organophosphorous schedule-1-chemicals without major modifications. It does not pose an immediate risk to the objectives of the convention.

3.2.4. Inspection activities in order to rule out attempts to cover-up previous activities by plant clean-outs or modifications

As a basis for a close visual inspection in order to confirm the absence or detect the presence of attempts to cover-up prohibited activities at the factory, the inspection team could make use of the most recent revision of the plant schemes available which dated from 1984. Several minor modifications had been implemented in the meantime without being recorded in these technological schemes.

The purpose of that visual inspection was to find traces of recent modifications and/or clean-up activities at the site (e.g., residues of extensive cleaning operations, of decontamination agents suitable for nerve agent detoxification, visible signs for recent replacements of certain equipments, signs for replaced joint packings, etc.). There were no signs of unusual and extensive recent cleaning or decontaminations operations in the plant area and on surfaces of reactors and other equipments. No other signs/traces which could be interpreted as residues of cover-up attempts were detected. Given the time frame presently considered for challenge inspections and the extensive effort which would have been necessary to clean-out, decontaminate and re-start the inspected factory, the members of the inspection team felt absolutely confident in their conclusion that such attempts could be ruled out.

3.2.5. Inspection results

1. At the time of inspection, no traces of schedule-1-production could be detected at the site. The team's ability to do so was demonstrated by validation tests using the model compound DIMF. A methodology was applied to exploit memory effects in a plant in order to identify, at trace level, former production activities.