

4. Activities prior to the arrival of the inspection team on the site

The arrangements under the rolling text of the Convention proved practicable for carrying out inspection measures for the detection of anomalies and for material balance verification in MBA I. As experience from the National Trial Inspection shows, such verification could practically be carried out without prior notification.

Material balance verification in the second material balance area has been designed as a combination of interim inspections to verify inventory changes and of inventory verification. Advance notification is needed for such inspections in order to have the necessary declarations prepared by the plant. In particular, however, the timing of such inspection should be synchronized with the plant's batch régime. Therefore, the time of the inventory verification should be agreed with the operator of the facility, while interim inspections can be conducted in accordance with the rolling text.

5. Advance preparations on the site

6. Escort and points of contact arrangements

The escorting of the inspection team and the setting-up of a work-room for the inspection team proved to be useful and necessary. The facility personnel was co-operative. The inspector's scope of action was not impaired.

7. Other participants

8. Duration of inspection and "initial visit"

Taking into account the experience made during the trial inspection, three or four inspections of a duration of two or three days each per calendar year could be conceivable for routine inspections. The initial visit should be conceived as a longer process of inspections, information, data gathering and evaluation. Currently it is difficult to give more details about the necessary efforts and time.

9. Measures to protect confidential information

A considerable part of information used for elaborating the verification approach and the facility agreement was of a confidential character. Handing over the information to the TS would pose no problems, if the protection of these data against unauthorized access were guaranteed. The same applies, in principle, to the carrying out of routine verifications.

10. Opening conference

One hour was sufficient. As inspectors become acquainted with the facility, the time needed for the opening conference can be significantly shortened.

11. Types of records audited

During the routine verification it proved useful that all relevant records, documents and data carriers had already gone into the verification approach.