

4.0 LESSONS LEARNED AND OBSERVATIONS

4.1 Field Work

On the basis of this experience, it was concluded that it would be important that the analyst (who will later analyse the samples) be involved in the preparatory discussions relating to the matrices to be collected for analysis. While it was recognized that such a preparatory phase may be very short, and that the inspection team may have to improvise in view of unforeseen circumstances, it was clear that the inspection team should be aware of the limitations and constraints which would have to be faced by the analyst. For the same reason, it was concluded that a member of the inspection team should be experienced in at least some of the analytical techniques which will later be used in the laboratory.

It was concluded that it would be important for an investigating team to carry with it all the required specialized supplies (e.g., blood collection tubes, needles, other containers), thus avoiding problems related to availability or to compatibility with other equipment. It was found to be practical and convenient to pack the specialized and miscellaneous supplies in the coolers for the outward bound trip.