

for chemical warfare agents, simple laboratory equipment and analytical standards. In addition the group brought rodents for toxicity testing. All testing equipment had to be approved by the facility from the point of view of fire hazard. Instruments with BASFE or TÜV certificate were accepted.

The inspection team brought their own protective masks and gloves. Other safety-related equipment such as hard hats, safety glasses, or overalls were supplied by the facility.

Preparation on site

No physical preparations were made on-site. The facility adjusted its production so that thionyl chloride would be used during the inspection.

The staff and workers had been informed of the inspection by the management.

The trial inspection

The production step involving the Schedule 3 chemical took more than three days. One pair of inspectors arrived before the process was started and sealed the reaction vessel when the reaction had been started up. The remaining team arrived and carried out their inspection on the second day.

The inspection started with an opening conference between the facility staff and the inspection team. The leader of the inspection team explained the purpose of the inspection and invited comments on the limitations and problems foreseen by the staff. The Security Officer of the plant gave a brief description of the geographical location of the facility, security arrangements, regulations imposed by government agencies and a short