

With a view to ascertaining that schedule [1] chemicals were not being made, the inspectors had provided themselves with a CW agent detection kit and air sampling equipment.

(e) Analysis of chemical samples and air samples

The requests made by the inspectors for analysis of the samples by the site laboratory could be fulfilled only subject to the following limitations:

Available gaps in the laboratory's schedule of work;

Use of the analytical methodology customarily used by the laboratory;

Use only of the equipment available on the spot, which is designed solely for regular and customary checks on production.

The CW agent detection kit, which as far as sensitivity is concerned is designed for battlefield conditions, proved unsuited to the needs of inspection in an industrial environment.

The site management gave its agreement for off-site analysis of the air samples, on condition that the results were communicated to it. The analysis carried out off-site did not reveal the presence in the facility of any product listed in schedule [1].

It would be helpful if a duplicate of each of the samples was kept under seal on the site so that a second evaluation could be undertaken if necessary.

(f) Inspectors' report

The detailed technical report drawn up by the inspectors was kept on the site in readiness for a possible subsequent inspection. The report intended for the international technical secretariat merely referred to consistency with the initial and annual declarations and compliance with the convention.

(g) Closing conference

A closing conference was held at the end of the inspection. The participants examined the detailed technical report and commented on the course of the exercise and on the conclusions to be drawn from it.

(h) Difficulties arising during the inspection

The inspection revealed no irregularities. It did, however, show that as verification procedures and monitoring techniques now stand, it was not always possible to gain an accurate idea of the limits of this type of inspection and so assess its effectiveness.

The reliability of the inspection depends to a large degree on:

The quality and credibility of the accounting documents supplied to the inspectors;