

results of the inspection. This team also had the task of looking out for any interference by the inspectors, so as to ensure respect for confidentiality.

This team was made up as follows:

- A consulting engineer from the Union des Industries Chimiques (doctor of chemistry);
- Two representatives of the Ministry of Defence;
- One representative of the Ministry of the Environment.

The company owning the plant was represented by an official from its head office throughout the trial inspection.

8. Duration of inspection and initial visit

The initial declaration was drawn up in advance by a representative of the manufacturer and a representative of the national authority (one half-day).

The initial visit was composed of a one-day visit to the site for all the participants, followed by:

- One day for the inspectors and the plant representatives to familiarize themselves further with the site and the facility;
- One half-day for finalization of the specific agreement between the monitors, the national authority and a representative of the plant.

The monitors and plant representatives devoted a further day to negotiating the terms of the inspection scenario, in the presence of the national authority.

The routine inspection that followed lasted two days, including the opening conference, the inspectors' work and discussion of the inspectors' report.

The exercise was rounded off by a day devoted to overall evaluation of the inspection by all the participants, bringing the total length to seven days.

9. Measures to protect confidential information

All the information provided to each inspector was assembled in an individual and personally addressed confidential dossier which was left at the facility at the end of the inspection.

The members of the inspection and monitoring teams were public servants and bound by an oath of secrecy, with the exception of a consulting engineer from the chemical industry, who was on oath as a legal expert, and an engineer from the company which owned the inspected plant. All of them signed on arrival a personal promise of secrecy regarding the plant visited.