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On-site inspection (OSI) is part of the verification regime of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), along with the International Monitoring System and the International Data Center. OSI is in a developmental phase that includes large Integrated Field Exercises (IFE). Build-up exercises (BUE) are meant to prepare the equipment, procedures, inspectors, and training. The most recent IFE was in 2014, but the BUE in 2024 (BUE24) was conducted to prepare for a near future IFE. In BUE24, the inspection team had free play to use their strategies to investigate a fictional scenario played out in the Gyöngyös region of Hungary. A control team injected interesting signals, and an inspected State Party team made sure that the inspection team followed all Treaty rules and schedules. The technical support team of the Operational Support Center (OSC) followed limited daily reports to inform leadership on inspection team progress and problems, and supported inspection team technical requests. OSC leadership briefings and technical support team technical inputs will be described.

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