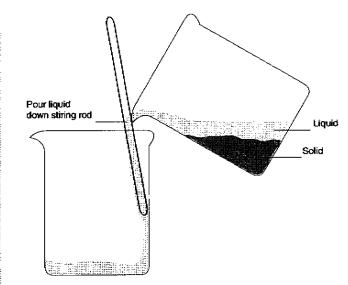
## Technique Primer

## **Decanting liquids**

Decantation is a process by which a solid is separated from a liquid. The solid is allowed to settle and the liquid is poured off carefully down a stirring rod, leaving the settled solid undisturbed.



**Figure 1** Schematic showing the decantation of a liquid from a sample containing both solid and liquid components.