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US team in clean-up demo

FORRESTFIELD was the scene of a pollution clean-up demonstration by senior field officers from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) last Thursday.

The team demonstrated how to deal with serious pollution incidents. Environment Minister Bill Marmion said WA had had a working relationship with the US EPA for eight years.

The officers were highly qualified with direct experience in major incidents such as Hurricane Katrina, gas explosions and clandestine drugs laboratories.

"The visiting team will lead a two-week intensive course with officers from the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) and the Fire



Officers from the US Environmental Protection Agency show their WA counterparts how to do the tough clean-up jobs.

and Emergency Services Authority," Mr Marmion said.

"Upon completion of their training, our local officers will be certified to US standards." This is the fourth time since 2003 that DEC's Pollution Response Unit has organised for the US EPA to conduct training in WA.