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ADEQ Director Owens Announces Intel and Ping as First Companies to Join Arizona Performance Track

PHOENIX – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Director Steve Owens today announced the first two Arizona companies to join the Arizona Performance Track program, a voluntary partnership between ADEQ, businesses and other regulated entities that recognizes and rewards environmental leadership for going above and beyond the minimum requirements of the law.

The two inaugural company members of Arizona Performance Track are:

- Intel Arizona's Ocotillo Campus in Chandler, which manufactures semiconductors, aims to reduce non-hazardous solid waste generated by 21 percent, or 1,500 tons annually, and thereby save 70 million gallons of water. The company also reduced use of volatile organic chemicals (VOCs) and committed to reduce VOC use further.
- Ping, Inc., in Phoenix, which designs, manufactures and services golf clubs and other golfing equipment, has already reduced water usage by 3 million gallons per year and hazardous waste generation by almost 40,000 pounds per year. They have also committed to reducing air particulate emissions by 16 percent and to further reducing materials use and non-hazardous waste generation.

“The Arizona Performance Track program is a win-win program, which provides benefits to participants in recognition of their commitment to environmental protection,” Owens said. “The program not only encourages companies to be good environmental stewards, it also allows ADEQ to protect public health and the environment more effectively by focusing our resources on facilities and entities that need the most attention.”

The Arizona Performance Track is modeled after a national EPA program. Benefits of participating in the Arizona Performance Track include reduced inspection frequency, flexibility of permit conditions and consolidation of reporting requirements. In order to be eligible for the program, a company must demonstrate a history of compliance, a comprehensive environmental management system and a pollution prevention program in addition to performing two past and four future projects with quantifiable environmental benefits.

More information about Arizona Performance Track is available on ADEQ's Web site at <http://www.azdeq.gov/function/about/track.html>.