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## **ADEQ Director Owens Announces Xanterra South Rim as Newest Member of Arizona Performance Track**

PHOENIX – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Director Steve Owens today announced that Xanterra South Rim, L.L.C. has joined Arizona Performance Track, 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.

Xanterra, which operates lodging and food services for the National Park Service at the Grand Canyon, South Rim was selected to join Arizona Performance Track for reducing water used, solid waste sent to landfill, and greenhouse gas emissions, as well as increasing the amount of recycled content in products it uses and sells. Xanterra has also committed to a 50% waste diversion from landfills and zero hazardous waste generation by 2015, and to a preferred “green” vendor program.

“We are very pleased to welcome Xanterra to the Arizona Performance Track 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. Companies eligible for the program must demonstrate a history of compliance, a comprehensive environmental management system (EMS) and a pollution prevention program in addition to performing two past and four future projects with quantifiable environmental benefits.

A free seminar on Performance Track and EMS will be held April 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Scottsdale Stadium, 7408 E. Osborn, Scottsdale. Sponsored by ADEQ, the National Environmental Performance Track, and the Arizona Environmental Strategic Alliance, the seminar will cover the future of Performance Track, how to establish an EMS, and advice from members and environmental regulators. Information on the seminar is available at [www.azalliance.org](http://www.azalliance.org).

More information about Arizona Performance Track is available on ADEQ’s Web site at [www.azdeq.gov/function/about/track.html](http://www.azdeq.gov/function/about/track.html).