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ADEQ to Hold Free Seminar on Arizona Performance Track

PHOENIX – A free seminar on Arizona Performance Track and environmental management systems (EMS) will be held April 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Scottsdale Stadium, 7408 E. Osborn, Scottsdale.

Arizona Performance Track is 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.

“This seminar is a wonderful opportunity to get the most up-to-date information available about the Arizona Performance Track program,” said ADEQ Director Steve Owens, who is scheduled to speak at the event. “The program provides benefits to participants in recognition of their commitment to environmental protection, while enabling ADEQ to more effectively focus our resources on facilities and entities that need the most attention. I encourage any interested regulated entity, as well as the public, to attend this event.”

Agenda topics include reasons to join Performance Track; benefits of and criteria for membership; Performance Track for small businesses and agricultural enterprises; advice from members and environmental regulators; how to establish an EMS; EMS and the bottom line; EMS and small business, and the future of Performance Track

Other speakers scheduled include Wayne Nastri, U.S. EPA Region 9 Administrator; Frances Schultz, deputy director, EPA Region 9’s communities and ecosystems division; Henry Darwin, ADEQ’s Administrative Counsel; and representatives from three Arizona Performance Track member organizations: Jim Larsen, manager of environmental health and safety, Intel Corporation, Chandler; Rob Barnett, director of environmental systems, Ping, Phoenix; and Larry Person, senior environmental coordinator, City of Scottsdale.

The seminar is sponsored by ADEQ, the National Environmental Performance Track and the Arizona Environmental Strategic Alliance.

More information on the seminar is available at www.azalliance.org.

More information about Arizona Performance Track is available on ADEQ’s Web site at www.azdeq.gov/function/about/track.html.