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ADEQ Sponsors Conference on Redevelopment Along Historic Route 66 Corridor in Kingman

PHOENIX (April 2, 2008) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Director Steve Owens announced today that ADEQ is playing host to a conference in Kingman on Tuesday, April 15 to explore economic redevelopment opportunities for contaminated properties in all communities along historic Route 66 in Northern Arizona.

Co-sponsoring the event, which will be held at Powerhouse Visitor Center, 120 W. Andy Devine Ave., with ADEQ are the City of Kingman, Mohave County and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The conference will focus on putting contaminated properties back into productive economic use.

“This conference will address opportunities for economic redevelopment along Route 66 and the availability of state and federal funds to clean up the contamination that is keeping many properties from being put to good use,” Director Owens said.

Owens noted that the conference is an outgrowth of the highly successful “Route 66 Initiative” that ADEQ has been conducting to clean up abandoned underground storage tank sites along Route 66.

“We have targeted resources along Route 66 to clean up contaminated properties and help communities put them back into productive use,” Owens said. “We want to help these communities as much as we can.”

“We are pleased to be working with Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, local agency partners, redevelopment and community stakeholders, to expand the Route 66 cleanup program,” said Nancy Lindsay, the EPA’s Waste Management Division acting director for the Pacific Southwest region. “Partnerships like these provide the foundation for long-term success in addressing complex environmental challenges.”

The meeting is free, but those planning to attend should register by emailing their name, title and organization to Communications@azdeq.gov. For more information, please contact Matt Capalby at (928) 773-2718.

The meeting is open to the public. ADEQ especially encourages realtors, title agencies, builders, developers, bankers, engineers, consultants, historical societies, civic organizations, and small business owners and land owners along Route 66 to attend.