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ADEQ Director Owens Announces Grants Now Available to Little Leagues to Promote Recycling at Baseball Fields

PHOENIX (Nov. 25, 2008) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Director Steve Owens today announced that ADEQ is again providing recycling grants to Arizona Little Leagues to promote recycling and prevent littering at baseball fields across the state.

Under the Little League Recycling and Litter Control Project, ADEQ provides funding to Little League organizations throughout Arizona for banners promoting recycling to be displayed at their ball fields and for recycling containers to be placed at the fields.

ADEQ first established the Little League Recycling and Litter Control Project for the 2004 Little League season. This year, ADEQ is making a total of \$15,000 available to Little Leagues interested in participating in the recycling project.

“The program is now in its sixth year and has been a grand slam,” said ADEQ Director Owens. “The more kids know about recycling, the more they want to recycle. This program helps our kids, helps the Little Leagues, and most importantly, helps the environment.”

Since 2004 ADEQ has provided recycling grants to more than 100 Little Leagues across Arizona.

“This is just a great program,” Director Owens said.

Little Leagues interested in applying for grant funding from ADEQ should contact Juli Boles at (602) 771-4170 or toll free at (800) 234-5677, ext. 771-4170, or by email to boles.juli@azdeq.gov. The deadline for applications is Feb. 13, 2009.

Program forms and the required application, as well as further information, are available on ADEQ’s Web site at <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/waste/littleleague.html>