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ADEQ Announces Electronics Waste Recycling Event will be held Saturday, Oct. 17 at Town of Payson Multi-Event Center

PHOENIX (Oct. 13, 2009) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that an electronics waste recycling event will be held Saturday morning, Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Town of Payson Multi-Event Center, 1400 S. Beeline Highway.

ADEQ and its partners – Payson Water Department, Gila County, and Green-Tech Assets of Mesa -- anticipate collecting tons of unwanted televisions, computers, monitors, batteries, chargers, cell phones, VCRs, CD and DVD players, printers, small appliances, fax machines, cables and cords during the event. The recyclable material will be collected at the Multi-Event Center, in the south part of Payson across Beeline Highway from Mazatzal Hotel and Casino.

Green-Tech Assets uses state of the art software to erase all hard drives and will also provide machinery on site to crush hard drives if customers so desire. Green-Tech Assets also will provide companies and individuals donating e-waste a certificate of disposal for their records.

“Electronics waste is a pressing and growing problem in Arizona and throughout the country and the proper disposal of it can become a great opportunity as well,” said ADEQ Director Benjamin H. Grumbles. “This is our third big e-waste recycling event and we’ll be sponsoring similar recycling roundups throughout the state in the coming year. We should always remember in our daily lives the three Rs – reduce, reuse and recycle.”

“The Town of Payson is pleased to work with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and Gila County on another important community recycling event,” said Buzz Walker, the Town of Payson’s Water Department Manager. “Recycling opportunities are severely limited in most areas of rural Arizona, so recycling events like this satisfy a need for those citizens who want to make a difference in the wise use of material resources.”

ADEQ and Green-Tech Assets sponsored the largest electronics recycling event ever in rural Arizona in late August when nearly 30 tons of recyclables were collected in Show Low and disposed of in an environmentally sensitive manner, rather than having the electronic devices take up valuable landfill space. ADEQ and Green-Tech also participated in an electronics recycling event last month in Williams which collected more than seven tons of recyclables.

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