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## **ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event for Saturday, March 13 on Florence Boulevard in Casa Grande**

PHOENIX – (March 2, 2010) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free regional electronics waste recycling event will be held Saturday, March 13 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Casa Grande at 1325 E. Florence Blvd., the large parking lot next to the northwest corner of the Fry's Shopping Plaza.

ADEQ and its partners -- City of Casa Grande, Casa Grande Police, Keep Casa Grande Beautiful, Cartridge World and Westech Recyclers -- anticipate collecting tons of unwanted televisions, computer equipment, monitors, batteries, chargers, cell phones, VCRs, CD and DVD players, printers, small appliances, fax machines, stereos, cables and cords during the event.

“E-waste is hi-tech litter that's becoming one of Arizona's fastest growing environmental threats,” said ADEQ Director Benjamin H. Grumbles. “We can all make a difference by pitching in to the recycle bin and turn a potentially toxic stream of waste into useful products and green profits. This is our latest large regional e-waste recycling event that we have sponsored in the state during the past six months and we are expecting an excellent turnout from Casa Grande and the nearby area.”

Kevin Louis, City of Casa Grande public works director, said he was excited about the electronics recycling event and the impact it will have on keeping electronic products from filling up valuable landfill space. Louis also invited residents of Arizona City, Eloy, Coolidge and Florence to bring their recyclable electronics materials.

“The City of Casa Grande is pleased to partner with ADEQ and neighboring communities as part of the City's ongoing effort to promote the collection and recycling of electronic waste,” Louis said.

Companies and individuals donating e-waste will receive a certificate of disposal for their records from Westech Recyclers if they want the document. Westech Recyclers recycles all material in accordance with state and federal regulations and will erase all hard drives received with state of the art software. Westech has been recycling the state's electronic material for more than 14 years and is the primary recycling partner of most of Arizona's towns and cities.

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ADEQ has sponsored e-recycling events in Show Low, Williams, Payson, Globe/Miami, Superior, Nogales, Tucson, Sun City West, Lake Havasu City and the Phoenix metropolitan area and collected more than 100 tons of recyclable material.

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