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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event for Saturday, May 8 at Cottonwood Public Works Yard

PHOENIX (April 23, 2010) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free regional electronics waste recycling event for the Upper Verde Valley will be held Saturday, May 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Cottonwood at the public works yard, 1490 W. Mingus Ave.

ADEQ and its partners -- City of Cottonwood, Town of Clarkdale, UniSource Energy Services, Stewards of Public Lands and E-Waste Harvesters -- 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 the latest large regional e-waste recycling event that we have sponsored in the state during the past eight months and we are expecting an excellent turnout from Cottonwood and the nearby area.”

Cottonwood Mayor Diane Joens says she is excited about the electronics recycling event and the impact it will have on keeping electronic products from filling up valuable landfill space. Joens also invited residents of Clarkdale, Jerome, Verde Village and Cornville to bring their recyclable electronics materials.

"Illegal dumping of electronics waste is a serious problem in the Verde Valley," Joens said. "This free event will allow our residents to do the right thing and dispose of their old TVs and computers and other electronics clutter in a responsible manner."

Companies and individuals donating e-waste will receive a certificate of disposal for their records from E-Waste Harvesters if they want the document. E-Waste Harvesters will erase all hard drives with state of the art software and recycles all materials in accordance with state and federal regulations.

ADEQ has sponsored e-recycling events in Show Low, Williams, Payson, Globe/Miami, Superior, Nogales, Tucson, Sun City West, Lake Havasu City, Casa Grande and the Phoenix metropolitan area and collected more than 130 tons of recyclable material.

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