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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event for Saturday, May 8 at Basha's Parking Lot in Camp Verde

PHOENIX (April 27, 2010) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free electronics waste recycling event for Camp Verde and the Yavapai-Apache Nation will be held Saturday, May 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of Basha's supermarket in Camp Verde, 650 W. Finnie Flats Road.

ADEQ and its partners – Town of Camp Verde, Camp Verde Chamber of Commerce, Yavapai-Apache Nation 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 Camp Verde and the nearby area.”

Camp Verde Mayor Bob Burnside said he is eagerly anticipating the upcoming event because how to responsibly dispose of electronics waste has been a long-standing problem in the area.

“Many times it just ends up being thrown out in the desert,” Burnside said. “When it goes to the landfill it takes up a lot of space and could leach dangerous substances in the soil and groundwater. This event is the proper way to dispose of electronics waste and we are glad to be sponsoring it.”

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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