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## **ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event for Saturday, May 22 at Safeway Parking Lot in Winslow**

PHOENIX (May 11, 2010) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free electronics waste recycling event for Winslow and the surrounding northeastern Arizona region will be held Saturday, May 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of Safeway supermarket in Winslow, 1601 N. Park Drive.

ADEQ and its partners – City of Winslow, Navajo County, Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corp., Little Colorado River Plateau Resource Conservation & Development Area, Safeway, Napa Auto Parts 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. We are expecting a large turnout from Winslow and the surrounding area. Come and shop and bring your electronics waste with you.”

Joe Jarvis, director of code enforcement for the City of Winslow, said he is eagerly anticipating the upcoming event because disposal of electronics waste has been a long-standing problem in the area.

“This is the first time there has been a large-scale effort here to collect electronics waste and dispose of it in an environmentally sensitive way,” Jarvis said. “E-waste fills up valuable landfill space and contains dangerous materials like lead and cadmium in it. This event is the proper way to dispose of this waste and we are glad to be co-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 recycles all material in accordance with state and federal regulations and will erase all hard drives received with state of the art software.

ADEQ has sponsored e-recycling events during the past eight months in Show Low, Williams, Payson, Globe/Miami, Superior, Nogales, Tucson, Sun City West, Lake Havasu City, Casa Grande, Camp Verde, Cottonwood and the Phoenix metropolitan area and collected more than 145 tons of recyclable material.

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