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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event for Taylor, Snowflake on Saturday, Aug. 21 at Taylor Town Hall

PHOENIX (August 2, 2010) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free electronics waste recycling event for residents of Taylor, Snowflake and the surrounding area will be held Saturday, Aug. 21 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Taylor Town Hall, 425 W. Paper Mill Road.

ADEQ and its partners – towns of Taylor and Snowflake, Little Colorado River Plateau Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc., Pro-Build, Pigs For Farmer John, Larson Waste, Waste Management 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. For more information, call (928)536-7945 or (928)536-7103.

“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’re happy to be returning to southern Navajo County with our statewide e-waste recycling program after our very successful event in Show Low last August.”

ADEQ also will be sponsoring e-waste recycling events on Aug. 21 in St. Johns and Springerville/Eagar in neighboring Apache County. The St. Johns event will be at Theater Plaza from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. while the Springerville/Eagar event will be at the Safeway parking lot in Springerville from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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 16 e-recycling events around the state during the past year and collected 168 tons of e-waste from nearly 2,700 motorists.

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