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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Events for St. Johns, Springerville, Eagar on Saturday, Aug. 21

PHOENIX (Aug. 4, 2010) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that free electronics waste recycling events for residents of Apache County in St. Johns, Springerville and Eagar will be held Saturday, Aug. 21.

The St. Johns event -- co-sponsored by ADEQ, Boy Scouts of America Troop 7072, Apache County Public Health Services District and Blue Hills Environmental Association, Inc. – will be held at the Theater Plaza parking lot, 1210 W. Cleveland Ave., from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The combined Springerville and Eagar event – co-sponsored by ADEQ, towns of Springerville and Eagar, Safeway, Little Colorado River Plateau Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc., Blue Hills Environmental Association, Inc., and E-Waste Harvesters – will be held at the Safeway parking lot in Springerville, 203 S. Mountain Ave., from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

ADEQ and its partners 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) 337-3868 in St. Johns and (928) 333-2656 in Springerville.

“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 delighted to be serving the disposal needs of three towns in one day.”

Companies and individuals donating e-waste at the two events 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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