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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event on Aug. 28 at Wal-Mart Shopping Lot in Show Low

PHOENIX – (Aug. 10, 2010) – Last year at this time, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials targeted southern Navajo and Apache counties as the best place to start a free statewide electronics waste recycling program.

It quickly became apparent why on the day of the Show Low event. Nearly 30 tons of e-waste were collected, enough to fill an 18-wheeler with 19 stacked pallets to spare.

Now, ADEQ and its co-sponsors return for a second year. Another free e-waste recycling event for residents of Show Low, Pinetop-Lakeside and the surrounding area will be held Saturday, Aug. 28 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Wal-Mart parking lot, 5401 S. White Mountain Road, in Show Low.

ADEQ and its partners – City of Show Low, Town of Pinetop-Lakeside, Navajo County, Waste Management, Wal-Mart, Little Colorado River Plateau Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc. 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.

In addition, the event will offer the opportunity for residents to recycle paper, cardboard, aluminum and tin cans and plastic numbers 1, 2 and 3. The City of Tempe's popular hands-on recycling education trailer, ERIC, will be on hand to entertain children. For more information, call (928)532-4124.

“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 started our statewide e-waste recycling program last August in Show Low with a very successful event and we are expecting the same results again this year.”

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ADEQ also will be sponsoring satellite e-waste recycling events of the Show Low event on Aug. 21 in Snowflake/Taylor, Springerville/Eagar and St. Johns. The event serving Snowflake/Taylor will be held at Taylor Town Hall, 425 W. Paper Mill Road, from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. The Springerville/Eagar event will be in the parking lot of Safeway, 203 S. Mountain Ave., from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. while the St. Johns event will be in the parking lot of Theater Plaza from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Heber-Overgaard will have an e-waste recycling event on Aug. 28 at the Navajo County yard.

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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