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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event at Ray School District Parking Lot in Kearny on Nov. 13

PHOENIX (Oct. 26, 2010) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free electronics waste recycling event will be held Saturday, Nov. 13 in Kearny in the parking lot of Ray School District #3, 701 N. Highway 177, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

ADEQ and its partners – the towns of Kearny and Hayden, ASARCO LLC (Asarco) and Ray Unified School District #3 -- 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 excited about having our first regional e-waste event for the Copper Basin in Kearny after having more than 20 such events statewide during the past year.”

Tom Aldrich, vice president of environmental affairs for Asarco, said the event offers the surrounding communities a much-needed opportunity to recycle used electronic equipment in an area which has not had such organized events in the past.

“We are excited to be co-sponsoring this event with ADEQ and the other partners because it provides Copper Basin residents a convenient avenue to manage their electronic wastes in an environmentally sound manner and it is in keeping with the company’s commitment to product stewardship, recycling and the responsible management of wastes,” Aldrich said.

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 the company recycles all materials in accordance with state and federal regulations.

ADEQ has sponsored 24 events since August 2009 and collected 576,580 pounds -- more than 288 tons -- from nearly 3,800 vehicles attending the e-waste events.

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