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## **ADEQ Announces Free Regional Electronics Waste Recycling Event for Southwest Valley on Jan. 29**

PHOENIX (Jan. 18, 2011) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free regional electronics waste recycling event for residents of the Southwest Valley cities of Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park and Tolleson will be held Saturday, Jan. 29 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. in Parking Lot G of Estrella Mountain Community College in Avondale, 3000 N. Dysart Road.

ADEQ and its partners -- the cities of Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park and Tolleson, Littleton Elementary School District, Estrella Mountain Community College and E-Waste Harvesters of Phoenix -- 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.

“We are excited about having our first free electronic waste collection event in the Southwest Valley and welcome everyone living in Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park and Tolleson to attend,” said ADEQ Acting Director Henry Darwin. “This is a great opportunity for people in the region to dispose of all the unwanted electronics they have collected over the years while at the same time ensuring that this potentially toxic stream of waste is disposed of responsibly and does not take up valuable landfill space.”

Avondale Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers also said she is eagerly anticipating the event.

“Avondale is grateful for the opportunity from ADEQ to host this ‘green’ event in partnership with Estrella Mountain Community College and our neighboring cities,” Lopez Rogers said. “Avondale residents and the residents of our neighboring communities are accustomed to recycling everyday items such as paper, glass and plastic and will be able to organize their homes for the new year and help protect the environment by recycling their old or unwanted electronic items.”

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 26 events since August 2009 throughout the state and collected 652,769 pounds -- more than 325 tons -- from nearly 4,500 vehicles attending the events.

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