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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event for Saturday, April 16 at Carr McNatt Park in Casa Grande

PHOENIX (April 5, 2011) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free regional electronics waste recycling event will be held Saturday, April 16 from 8 a.m. until noon in Casa Grande in the northwest parking lot of Carr McNatt Park, 1115 N. Brown Ave.

ADEQ and its partners -- City of Casa Grande, Keep Casa Grande Beautiful, Cartridge World and Westech Recyclers -- 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. Nearly 23,000 pounds of e-waste were collected at last year's Casa Grande event.

“We are excited about returning to Casa Grande again after the excellent event last year during the first year of our free electronics waste recycling program in that area,” ADEQ Director Henry Darwin said. “This is a great opportunity for people 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.”

Kevin Louis, City of Casa Grande public works director, said he was excited about the electronics recycling event and also noted the impact it will have on keeping electronic products from filling up valuable landfill space. Louis also invited residents of Arizona City, Eloy, Coolidge and Florence to bring their recyclable electronics materials.

“The City of Casa Grande is pleased to partner with ADEQ and neighboring communities as part of the City's ongoing effort to promote the collection and recycling of electronic waste,” Louis said.

Companies and individuals donating e-waste will receive a certificate of disposal for their records from Westech Recyclers if they want the document. Westech Recyclers recycles all material in accordance with state and federal regulations and will erase all hard drives received with state of the art software.

ADEQ has held 37 events and collected 896,296 pounds of discarded electronics since beginning its Free E-Waste Recycling Program in August 2009.

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