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ADEQ Announces Electronics Waste Recycling Event will be held Saturday, May 7 at Town of Payson Multi-Event Center

PHOENIX (April 25, 2011) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that an electronics waste recycling event will be held Saturday morning, May 7 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Town of Payson Multi-Event Center, 1400 S. Beeline Highway.

ADEQ and its partners – Payson Water Department, Gila County, Northern Gila County Sanitary District, Town of Star Valley and E-Waste Harvesters of Phoenix -- anticipate collecting tons of unwanted televisions, computers, monitors, batteries, chargers, cell phones, VCRs, CD and DVD players, printers, small appliances, fax machines, cables and cords during the event. The recyclable material will be collected at the Multi-Event Center, in the south part of Payson across Beeline Highway from Mazatzal Hotel and Casino.

E-Waste Harvesters uses state of the art software to erase all hard drives and will provide companies and individuals donating e-waste a certificate of disposal for their records.

“We are excited about returning to Payson again after the excellent event 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.”

During the last e-waste event in Payson, more than five tons of discarded electronics were collected from 125 vehicles in October 2009.

“The Town of Payson looks forward to the opportunity to work with ADEQ and our other partners to offer this much-needed recycling event,” said Buzz Walker, Payson’s Water Department Manager. “These events are typically some of the most well-attended of all our various town events.”

ADEQ has sponsored 39 events since the e-waste program’s inception in August 2009 and collected 915,935 pounds of material from more than 7,000 vehicles.

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