

DATE: Sept. 6, 2011
CONTACT: Mark Shaffer, Director of Communications, (602) 771-2215 (o);
(480) 433-9551 (cell)

ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event at Hopi Veterans Memorial Center on Saturday, Sept. 17

PHOENIX (Sept. 6, 2011) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that they will have their first Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event on Native American land at the Hopi Veterans Memorial Center on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Memorial Center is located 3 miles west of the Hopi Cultural Center.

ADEQ and its partners – The Hopi Tribe, the Hopi Environmental Protection Office, Hopi Solid Waste Management Program, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 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, cameras, cables and cords during the event.

In addition to residents of the Hopi Nation, those living in nearby areas of the Navajo Nation like the chapters of Black Mesa, Coal Mine Canyon, Forest Lake, Hardrock, Jeddito, Low Mountain, Pinon, Shonto, Steamboat, Teesto and Tonalea are invited to attend and bring their E-waste.

Event organizers can not accept disassembled or cracked computer monitors or television screens. For more information about the event, call (928)734-1018 or (928)337-3565.

“We are very excited about sponsoring our first E-waste event on Native American land and welcome everyone living on the Hopi Nation and surrounding Navajo Nation to attend,” said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin. “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.”

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 42 events since August 2009 throughout the state and collected just more than 1,050,000 pounds from more than 8,000 vehicles attending the events.

To receive press releases by email: <http://www.azdeq.gov/subscribe.html>
Follow ADEQ on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/azdeq>
Follow ADEQ on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/ArizonaDEQ>