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ADEQ Announces First Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event in Page at Cultural Arts Building Parking Lot Sept. 24

PHOENIX (Sept. 12, 2011) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that they will sponsor the first Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event in Page in the parking lot of the Cultural Arts Building, 500 S. Navajo Dr., on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

ADEQ and its partners – City of Page, Page Unified School District and Westech Recyclers 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 Page, people living in nearby communities like Grenehaven, Marble Canyon, Lechee, Bitter Springs, Kaibeto, Copper Mine, The Gap and Cedar Ridge 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)645-8861.

“We are very excited about sponsoring our first E-waste event in Page and welcome everyone in the region 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.”

“We anticipate a large turnout and for our local residents to attack this problem with the same fervor they have in the ‘Page Attacks Trash’ program over the years,” said Page City Manager Bo Thomas.

Companies and individuals donating e-waste will receive a certificate of disposal for their records from Westech Recyclers if they want the document. Westech 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 43 events since August 2009 throughout the state and collected nearly 1.1 million pounds from more than 8,000 vehicles attending the events.

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