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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event at Ray School District Parking Lot in Kearny on Dec. 10

PHOENIX (Nov. 29, 2011) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free electronics waste recycling event will be held Saturday, Dec. 10 in Kearny in the parking lot of Ray School District #3, 701 N. Highway 177, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

ADEQ and its co-sponsors – the towns of Kearny and Hayden, ASARCO LLC (Asarco) and Ray Unified School District #3 -- 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.

“We are excited about being able to collaborate with the towns of Kearny and Hayden and our other co-sponsors to put on this much needed event for a second straight year. At our event last year, we collected eight tons of electronic waste,” said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin. “This is another great opportunity for people to dispose of their unwanted electronics 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.”

Tom Aldrich, vice president of environmental affairs for Asarco, said the event offers the surrounding communities a much-needed opportunity to recycle used electronic equipment.

“We are excited to be co-sponsoring this event with ADEQ and the other partners because it provides Copper Basin residents a convenient avenue to manage their electronic wastes in an environmentally sound manner and it is in keeping with the company’s commitment to product stewardship, recycling and the responsible management of wastes,” Aldrich said.

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 49 events since August 2009 and collected nearly 1.3 million pounds from about 9,000 vehicles attending the e-waste events.