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ADEQ Announces Free Regional Electronics Waste Recycling, Paper Shredding Event for Southwest Valley on Jan. 28

PHOENIX (Jan. 17, 2012) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that its second annual free regional electronics waste recycling and paper shredding event for residents of the Southwest Valley cities of Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park and Tolleson will be held Saturday, Jan. 28 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. in Parking Lot G of Estrella Mountain Community College in Avondale, 3000 N. Dysart Road.

ADEQ and its partners -- the cities of Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park and Tolleson, Littleton Elementary School District, Estrella Mountain Community College, Green Planet 21, American Shredding 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, cables and cords during the event. An added feature this year will be residents being able to dispose of old documents with a paper shredder on site.

“Last January, the Southwest Valley event had the heaviest traffic of any since we began our statewide e-waste recycling program with 750 vehicles bringing nearly 30 tons of electronics to be recycled,” said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin. “This is a great opportunity for people in the region 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.”

Avondale Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers also said she is eagerly anticipating the event.

“Avondale is grateful for the opportunity from ADEQ to host this ‘green’ event in partnership with Estrella Mountain Community College and our neighboring cities,” Lopez Rogers said. “Avondale residents are already accustomed to recycling everyday items such as paper, glass and plastic and will be able to organize their homes for the new year and help protect the environment by recycling their old or unwanted electronic items. We are expecting another great event, just like we had last year.”

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.