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ADEQ Announces Free Regional Electronics Waste Recycling Event for Saturday, Feb. 11 at Cottonwood Public Works Yard

PHOENIX (Jan. 26, 2012) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free regional electronics waste recycling event for Cottonwood, Clarkdale, Cornville, Jerome, Sedona and Village of Oak Creek will be held Saturday, Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Cottonwood at the public works yard, 1490 W. Mingus Ave.

ADEQ and its partners -- City of Cottonwood, UniSource Energy Services, Stewards of Public Lands and E-Waste Harvesters -- 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. At ADEQ's last collaborative event in Cottonwood, in May 2010, more than eight tons of e-waste was collected from 210 vehicles.

"We had numerous volunteers and an excellent e-waste collection effort led by Cottonwood Mayor Diane Joens in 2010," said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin. "This is a great opportunity for people in the Verde Valley 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."

Joens says she is excited about having another electronics recycling event in the Verde Valley and encourages residents of the surrounding area to also attend and bring their electronics materials.

"Illegal dumping of electronics waste is a serious problem in the Verde Valley," Joens said. "This free event will allow our residents to do the right thing and dispose of their old TVs and computers and other electronics clutter in a responsible manner."

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 recycles all materials in accordance with state and federal regulations.

ADEQ has sponsored 50 e-recycling events throughout the state since August 2009 and collected nearly 1.3 million pounds of recyclable material.

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