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ADEQ Announces Free Regional Electronics Waste Recycling, Paper Shredding Event for Sahuarita/Green Valley March 3

PHOENIX (Feb. 21, 2012) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and Town of Sahuarita officials announced today that their second annual free electronics waste recycling, paper shredding and prescription drug take back event for Sahuarita, Green Valley and surrounding area residents will be held Saturday, March 3 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Fry's parking lot, 15950 S. Rancho Sahuarita Blvd.

ADEQ and its partners -- the Town of Sahuarita, Green Valley Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce, Bio Pappel International of Phoenix 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.

“We had an excellent event in Sahuarita last year with nearly seven tons of electronics waste and more than 50 pounds of discarded medications collected,” said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin. “We are also expecting tons of paper to be shredded on site this year. This is a great opportunity for people to dispose of all the unwanted electronics they have collected 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 would like everyone to note that we won't be collecting household hazardous waste this year and that our collection site has moved from the parking lot of town hall to the parking lot of Fry's,” said Monica Wilson, Sahuarita's public works project manager. “We had a wonderful turnout last year and we are expecting more of the same since we also will be offering on-site paper shredding this 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.

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