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ADEQ Officials to Hold World Water Day Event at Winslow High School March 22, Train Students for Canyon Event

PHOENIX (March 16, 2012) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials will celebrate International World Water Day on March 22 with a series of water testing demonstrations at Winslow High School along with helping the school's Grand Canyon Club plan for an environmental project testing Colorado River water in the natural wonder in late April.

In the March 22 event, ADEQ officials will meet with about 50 agriculture students in six classes at the school's science pond on-campus and show the students how to test water quality for pH, turbidity, dissolved oxygen and temperature.

Following those presentations, ADEQ staff will meet with members of the Grand Canyon Club to talk about water quality in the canyon and give them equipment and training to do their own tests during a boat trip from April 20-24, in the Canyon from Diamond Creek to Pearce Ferry.

"Both of these events will be a wonderful opportunity for the Winslow students to expand their study of science," ADEQ Director Henry Darwin said. "We welcome these opportunities to help young people study the ways they can help protect Arizona's environment and human health."

International World Water Day began in 1993, with the help of the United Nations General Assembly, in an effort to shine a light on the importance of freshwater. This year's theme is water and food security.

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