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## **ADEQ Announces Free Regional Electronics Waste Recycling, Paper Shredding Event for Globe/Miami March 31**

PHOENIX (March 20, 2012) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and Gila County officials announced today that a free electronics waste recycling and paper shredding event for Globe, Miami and surrounding area residents will be held Saturday, March 31 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at 2100 Highway 60 in Globe, next to the Dollar Tree Store.

ADEQ and its partners – Gila County, Radanovich Construction Company, ABCO Recycling and Shredding Services of Phoenix and Westech Recyclers 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 have had two very successful e-waste recycling events in Globe and nearly 20 tons of discarded electronics in total were 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 to encourage the community to take advantage of this event to recycle their old electronics and shred their old documents,” said Sharon Winters, manager of Gila County Recycling and Landfill Management. “We also remind those who want the free paper shredding to come early since it is difficult to gauge how much space will be available, and the demand for it, in the shredding truck.”

Companies and individuals donating e-waste and paper will receive a certificate of disposal for their records from Westech Recyclers and ABCO if they want the document. Westech Recyclers will erase all hard drives with state of the art software and the company recycles all materials in accordance with state and federal regulations.

Since ADEQ began its Free E-Waste Recycling Program in August 2009, more than 1.4 million pounds of electronics waste have been collected at 57 events.

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