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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event for Saturday, April 28 at City of Williams Rodeo Grounds

PHOENIX (April 20, 2012) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free electronics waste recycling and paper document shredding event will be held Saturday morning, April 28 from 8 a.m. until noon at the City of Williams Rodeo Grounds.

ADEQ and its partners – City of Williams, Grand Canyon Railway, Xanterra, National Park Service, City of Flagstaff, Williams Clean and Beautiful, MakoShred, I-40 Fleet Services, Coconino County and Westech Recyclers of Phoenix – anticipate collecting tons of unwanted TVs, computers, monitors, batteries, chargers, cell phones, VCRs, CD and DVD players, printers, fax machines, cables and cords during the event.

The recyclable material will be collected at the rodeo grounds, located at Airport Road and Rodeo Road in the northeast part of Williams. ADEQ also co-sponsored two other free e-waste collection events in Williams in 2009 and 2010 in which nearly 20,000 pounds of recyclables were collected.

“We are excited about returning to Williams again after the excellent events during the first two years of our free electronics waste recycling program in that area,” ADEQ Director Henry Darwin said. “This is a great opportunity for people 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.”

“As part of our Environmental Management System, Xanterra is committed to a zero landfill policy and a verifiable paper trail of the downstream when it comes to the proper management of electronic waste. We will also be collecting waste tires without their rims at this event free of charge,” said Morgan O'Connor, director of sustainability for Xanterra.

Companies and individuals donating e-waste will receive a certificate of disposal for their records from Westech Recyclers 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.