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## **ADEQ Announces First Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event on Navajo Nation in Ganado on Saturday, July 28**

PHOENIX (July 11, 2012) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that they will sponsor their first Free Electronic Waste Recycling Event on the Navajo Nation in the community of Ganado at the community’s fieldhouse on Saturday, July 28 from 8 a.m. until noon. The fieldhouse is located just north of Arizona Highway 264.

ADEQ and its partners – Ganado Unified School District, Navajo Nation Solid Waste Management Program, Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency 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, cameras, cables and cords at the event.

In addition to Ganado residents, those living in nearby areas of the Navajo Nation like the communities of Jeddito, Low Mountain, Pinon, Steamboat, Wide Ruins, Klagetoh, Kinlichee, Nazlini, Indian Wells, Lower Greasewood, White Cone, Sunrise Springs, Whippoorwill and Tselani/Cottonwood are invited to attend and bring their E-waste.

Event organizers will not accept refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers and disassembled or cracked computer monitors or television screens. For more information about the event, call (928) 755-1160 or (928) 337-3565.

“We are very excited about sponsoring our first E-waste event on the Navajo Nation and welcome everyone living in Ganado and the surrounding area to attend,” said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin. “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.”

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.

ADEQ has sponsored 66 events throughout the state since August 2009 and collected almost 1.6 million pounds from nearly 12,000 vehicles attending the events.

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