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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event for Saturday, Sept. 8 at Walmart Parking Lot in Winslow

PHOENIX (Aug. 14, 2012) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free electronics waste recycling event for Winslow and the surrounding northeastern Arizona region will be held Saturday, Sept. 8 from 8 a.m. until noon in the parking lot of Walmart in Winslow, 700 Mikes Pike Blvd.

ADEQ and its partners – Northland Pioneer College, Walmart, City of Winslow, Navajo County, Little Colorado River Plateau Resource Conservation & Development Area, and E-Waste Harvesters -- 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.

“This is the second e-waste recycling event we have done in Winslow and we had an excellent turnout the first time around,” 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.”

During the earlier May 2010 Winslow e-waste event, more than five tons of waste were collected. ADEQ has sponsored 67 events since August 2009 throughout the state and collected 1,623,488 pounds from more than 12,000 vehicles attending the events.

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 recycles all material in accordance with state and federal regulations and will erase all hard drives received with state of the art software.