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## **ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling, Paper Shred Event for Peoria Residents on Feb. 16**

PHOENIX (Feb. 7, 2013) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and City of Peoria officials announced today that a free electronics waste recycling and paper shredding event for city residents and the surrounding area will be held on Saturday, Feb. 16 from 8 a.m. until noon in the parking lot of the Peoria Municipal Operations Center, 8850 N. 79<sup>th</sup> Ave.

ADEQ and its partners – City of Peoria, Westech Recyclers and ProShred Security -- 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, cords and documents for on-site shredding at the event. Each customer will be limited to five boxes of documents for shredding.

“We are excited about partnering with the City of Peoria for the first combined free electronics waste collection and paper shredding event in the city,” 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.”

Mike Buettner, Environmental Resources Supervisor for the City of Peoria, also said he is eagerly anticipating the event.

“This provides an excellent opportunity for people to dispose of their electronic waste and documents for free while making sure they are disposed of in an environmentally protective and secure way,” Buettner said.

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 75 events since August 2009 throughout the state and collected more than 1.8 million pounds from more than 12,000 vehicles attending the events.

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