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Free Electronics Waste Recycling, Paper Shred Event for Residents of Sun City West Area on March 9

PHOENIX (Feb. 26, 2013) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that the third annual free electronics waste recycling and paper shredding event for residents of Sun City West, Sun City and the surrounding area will be held on Saturday, March 9 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the parking lot of the Recreation Centers of Sun City West, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd.

ADEQ and its partners -- PORA, Recreation Centers of Sun City West, Translational Geonomics Research Institute (TGen), Shred It, and Westech Recyclers of Phoenix -- anticipate collecting tons of shredded documents, unwanted televisions, computer equipment, monitors, batteries, chargers, cell phones, VCRs, CD and DVD players, printers, small appliances, fax machines, stereos, cables and cords at the event. More than 99,000 pounds of discarded electronics were turned in by 1,300 motorists during ADEQ's first two events in Sun City West.

"We are excited about returning to Sun City West because we have had an overwhelming response during the previous two events," ADEQ Director Henry Darwin said. "This is a great opportunity for people to dispose of backlogs of documents and all the unwanted electronics they have collected over the years, ensuring that this potentially toxic stream of waste is disposed of responsibly and doesn't take up valuable landfill space."

Bill Hansen, president of the PORA board of directors, also said he is eagerly anticipating the event.

"There is a huge need for electronics waste collection and paper shredding events as we have found out in recent years," Hansen said. "This is a great opportunity for people to recycle in an environmentally responsible manner."

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 79 events since August 2009 throughout the state and collected more than 1.9 million pounds from more than 13,000 vehicles attending the events.

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