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Free Seminars About Solid Waste, Biohazardous Medical Waste Scheduled for Flagstaff and Phoenix in May

PHOENIX (April 23, 2013) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that two free workshops that will discuss rules and regulations concerning biohazardous and solid waste disposal will be conducted in Flagstaff and Phoenix next month.

The first of the two seminars will be conducted Thursday, May 23 in Flagstaff at the Coconino County Health Services Building Ponderosa Room, 2625 N. King St. Session 1, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., will focus on biohazardous medical waste and Session 2, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., will be about solid waste.

The Phoenix sessions will be conducted on Wednesday, May 29 at ADEQ's central office, located at 1110 W. Washington St. The first session, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., will be about biohazardous medical waste and the second session, from 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., will address solid waste.

“The material from these workshops is important for emergency responders, business owners, public officials and the general public,” said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin. “This is a great investment of time and we are looking forward to these sessions in Phoenix and Flagstaff.”

Topics to be discussed in the solid waste sessions include management of used oil and discarded tires, disposal of batteries and household hazardous waste and illegal dumping. The biohazardous medical waste workshops will discuss the proper packaging, storage, shipping and treatment of the waste and how to properly dispose of drugs.

The sessions are designed for medical industry and health service managers, biohazardous waste transporters and facilities, public safety and fire representatives, first responders, public works officials, automotive repair shops, other regulated entities and the interested general public.

Each session is free, but registration is required for attendance. Due to limited space, please RSVP soon by emailing your name, telephone number, email address, workshop location and session and type of industry to LLP@azdeq.gov. For further information, contact Lori Plato of ADEQ at (602) 771-4711.

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