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## **ADEQ Announces First Free Electronic Waste Recycling Event for Navajo Nation Community of Chinle on Aug. 16**

PHOENIX (July 29, 2013) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that the Navajo Nation community of Chinle will host its first free electronic waste recycling event Friday, Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Daylight Savings Time at the Chinle Community Center, located off Highway 191 next to the basketball arena.

ADEQ will be sponsoring the event along with the Navajo Nation Solid Waste Management Program, Navajo Nation EPA and E-Waste Harvesters of Phoenix. Organizers expect tons of unwanted TVs, computers, monitors, printers, batteries, chargers, cell phones, VCRs, CD and DVD players, fax machines, small appliances, cables and cords to be collected at the event.

Event volunteers will not be accepting large appliances or air conditioners for disposal. For more information, contact ADEQ's Byron James at (928) 337-3565 or [bfj@azdeq.gov](mailto:bfj@azdeq.gov) or the Navajo Nation EPA office at (928) 871-7816.

E-Waste Harvesters will erase all hard drives with state of the art technology and will recycle all materials in compliance with state and federal regulations. Attendees may receive a certificate of disposal from E-Waste Harvesters if they want the document for their records.

“We are very excited about sponsoring our fourth E-waste event on the Navajo Nation and welcome everyone living in Chinle 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.”

ADEQ has sponsored 86 events statewide since the e-waste program's inception in August 2009 and collected more than 2.1 million pounds of electronics for recycling.

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