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ADEQ Announces Electronics Waste Recycling Event will be held Saturday, April 12 at Town of Payson Multi-Event Center

PHOENIX (March 31, 2014) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that the Fifth Annual Payson Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event will be held Saturday morning, April 12 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Town of Payson Multi-Event Center, 1400 S. Beeline Highway.

ADEQ and its partners – Payson Water Department, Gila County, Tonto Apache Tribe, Northern Gila County Sanitary District, Pine-Strawberry Water Improvement District, CH2MHill and E-Waste Harvesters of Phoenix -- anticipate collecting tons of unwanted televisions, computers, monitors, batteries, chargers, cell phones, VCRs, CD and DVD players, printers, small appliances, fax machines, cables and cords during the event.

The recyclable material will be collected at the Multi-Event Center, in the south part of Payson across Beeline Highway from Mazatzal Hotel and Casino. E-Waste Harvesters uses state of the art software to erase all hard drives and will provide companies and individuals donating e-waste a certificate of disposal for their records. The event has grown in popularity each of the four previous years with 10,601 pounds collected in 2010, 20,345 pounds in 2011, 23,350 pounds in 2012 and 29,842 pounds last year.

“It’s been exciting to see the Payson area get behind this and grow it every year to the point now where it is three times the size of when it started,” 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.”

“The Town of Payson looks forward to the opportunity to work with ADEQ and our other partners to offer this much-needed recycling event,” said Buzz Walker, Payson’s Water Superintendent. “These events are typically some of the most well-attended of all our various town events.”

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