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## **ADEQ Awards \$24,700 Brownfields Grant to Remove Asbestos from Portion of Gila County Historical Museum in Globe**

PHOENIX (Aug. 19, 2014) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a \$24,700 Brownfields grant has been awarded to the Gila County Historical Society of Globe to remove asbestos in a portion of the Gila County Historical Museum.

The quantity and extent of the asbestos contamination in the building, located at 1330 N. Broad Street in Globe, had been identified in a survey funded by an ADEQ grant earlier this year. The money from the current State Response Grant will remove the asbestos so maintenance can be performed on the building.

The museum building was once the Globe-Miami Mine Rescue Station, which provided training in safety, first aid and mine rescue work for four major copper mines in the area. As the underground mines closed and mining companies took over safety training programs, the station was closed and turned over to the Gila County Historical Society in 1972.

The historical society then moved its collection to the site. The historic building and grounds were deeded to the society in 1988 and the following year the building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

“This asbestos removal project is important in protecting the public and helping the museum continue to preserve the history of the Globe and Miami area,” said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin. “This is another example of how our Brownfields program makes Arizona communities better.”

A Brownfield is an abandoned or under-used property with an active redevelopment potential that suffers from known or perceived environmental contamination. Funding for Arizona’s State Response Grants is provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. For more information on Brownfields: <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/waste/cleanup/brownfields.html>.

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