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ADEQ Announces First Free Electronic Waste Recycling Event for Navajo Capitol of Window Rock on Oct. 25

PHOENIX (Oct. 7, 2015) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that the Navajo Nation community of Window Rock will host its first free electronic waste recycling event Saturday, Oct. 25 from 8 a.m. until noon Daylight Savings Time at the Navajo Nation Fairgrounds with entrance from Highway 264 next to Basha’s Supermarket.

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. There will be a limit of two televisions accepted per vehicle.

Event volunteers will not be accepting large appliances or air conditioners for disposal. For more information, contact the Navajo Nation EPA office at (928) 871-7816 or the Navajo Nation Solid Waste Management Program office at (928) 871-6309.

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 first E-waste event in the Navajo Nation capitol of Window Rock and welcome everyone living in Window Rock, Fort Defiance and the surrounding area to bring their recyclable items,” 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 98 events statewide since the e-waste program’s inception in August 2009 and collected more than 2.5 million pounds of electronics for recycling.

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