



DATE: Dec. 22, 2014

CONTACT: Mark Shaffer, Media Relations Director, (602) 771-2215 (o);
(480) 433-9551 (cell)

ADEQ Awards \$7,000 Brownfields Grant to Town of Wellton to Complete Asbestos Survey at Former Gas Station Site

PHOENIX (Dec. 22, 2014) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a \$7,000 Brownfields grant has been awarded to the Town of Wellton to complete an asbestos survey of a former gas station now owned by the town and used as a storage facility.

After environmental problems in the building are cleaned up, the town hopes to demolish the building and use the land for construction of a new municipal complex that will include a new town hall, public safety department, and council chambers.

The building, located at 28789 Los Angeles Ave., has not been used as a gas station for 40 years. Three underground storage tanks located at the property were removed in 2006.

“This is an excellent example of how our Brownfields program makes Arizona’s communities better,” said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin.

A Brownfield is an abandoned or under-used property with an active redevelopment potential that suffers from known or perceived environmental contamination. ADEQ receives its Brownfields funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in order to assist local governments and nonprofits in addressing suspected contamination issues.

More information on Brownfields is available at:

<http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/waste/cleanup/brownfields.html>