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ADEQ Director Owens Presents \$2,500 Check To Assist Cleanup of Illegal Tire Dump Site on San Carlos Apache Reservation Near Globe In Gila County

PHOENIX – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Director Steve Owens on Friday presented City of Globe and San Carlos Apache officials with a \$2,500 check to help clean up an illegal tire dump site on the San Carlos Apache reservation near Globe in Gila County.

Owens also announced that ADEQ will join forces with the Globe Clean and Beautiful Committee along with other residents of Globe and members of the San Carlos Apache tribe on Oct. 27 to clean up the illegal tire dump site and recycle the old tires. It is estimated that there are as many as 10,000 old waste tires to be removed at the site.

“We are pleased to work with the City of Globe and the San Carlos Tribe to fight illegal dumping and remove the hazardous waste tires from the reservation,” Director Owens said. “Illegal dumping not only is an eyesore, but it can present very serious risks to public health and the environment as well. We are absolutely committed to stopping illegal dumping and cleaning up illegal dumping sites on the San Carlos Apache reservation and throughout Gila County.”

The \$2,500 grant, which will help defray costs of the cleanup, comes from ADEQ’s recycling fund and is one of many ADEQ projects around the state aimed at addressing illegal dumping. Last year, ADEQ established a program to work with local officials to prevent illegal dumping and clean up illegal dump sites. ADEQ also hosted a summit on illegal dumping earlier this year in Globe.

“Fighting illegal dumping is a top priority for us,” said Director Owens.

The funds had been requested by the City of Globe and the San Carlos Apache Environmental Protection Agency. The improperly discarded tires collected will be removed from the reservation and hauled to a recycling facility for proper disposal.

“This is a terrific partnership between ADEQ, the City of Globe and the San Carlos Apache Tribe,” Director Owens said. “By working together, we can clean up illegal dump sites and prevent illegal dumping in the future.”