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ADEQ Director Owens Announces Brownfields and Recycling Grant Workshop in Yuma

PHOENIX (Dec. 11, 2007) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Director Steve Owens announced today that ADEQ will play host to a free workshop on brownfields and recycling grants funding opportunities Thursday Dec. 20 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Yuma County Public Works Department, 4343 S. Ave 5 ½ East.

ADEQ's brownfields grants provide financial resources to assist in the return of contaminated and potentially contaminated properties back to productive reuse, spurring economic revitalization and growth at these underutilized and blighted properties.

The workshop will focus on helping participants understand the basic elements of the grant program, the process for submitting grant proposals, the required proposal elements and improving the success rate of submitted proposals.

"We want to help local communities learn about how to obtain brownfields and recycling grants to help clean up contaminated properties and put them back into productive use, as well as reduce the amount of waste that goes into local landfills," Owens said. "We want to make sure that Yuma gets its fair share of these funds."

The workshop is free and open to the public. Registration or attendance notification is not required.

More information is available from:

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ADEQ also has Web pages on recycling and brownfields:

- www.azdeq.gov/environ/waste/solid/recycle2.html
- www.azdeq.gov/environ/waste/cleanup/brownfields.html