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ADEQ Director Owens Announces Recycling Grants for 22 Arizona Little League Programs

PHOENIX (March 25, 2008) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Director Steve Owens announced today that ADEQ has awarded 22 grants totaling \$11,000 to Little League baseball programs in 10 Arizona counties as part of the agency's Little League Recycling and Litter Control project.

The grants provide money for banners promoting recycling displayed at baseball fields and for recycling containers to be placed at the fields.

ADEQ's Little League Recycling grant program is now in its fifth year, with grants awarded to Little League programs throughout the state for recycling and litter clean up.

"This program has been incredibly successful," Director Owens said. "It's a home run. The more kids know about recycling, the more they want to recycle. This program helps our kids, helps the Little Leagues, and most importantly, helps the environment."

ADEQ gives each Little League \$200 per field under the program. The grants, per county, are as follows:

Apache County – St. Johns Little League District 1, St. Johns, \$600

Coconino County– Coconino Little League, Flagstaff, \$400

Maricopa County – Fourpeaks Little League District 7, Mesa, \$600; Holiday Park Little League, Glendale, \$600; Manzanita Ball Club, Phoenix, \$600; McDowell Mountain Little League District 6, Phoenix, \$600; Mountain View Softball Little League District 7, Mesa, \$200; Red Mountain National Little League, Mesa, \$200; Royal Palm Orangewood Little League District 3, Phoenix, \$200; Tempe Rio Salado Little League District 13, \$600

Mohave County – Mohave Valley Little League, \$200, Mohave Valley

Navajo County – Holbrook Little League District 1, Holbrook, \$400; Pinetop-Lakeside Blue Ridge Little League, \$600, Pinetop-Lakeside; Taylor Little League, \$600, Taylor

Pima County – Sunnyside Little League District 12, \$600, Tucson

Pinal County– Casa Grande Little League, \$600, Casa Grande; Coolidge Little League, \$600, Coolidge; Florence Little League, \$600, Florence; Maricopa Little League District 4, \$600, Maricopa

Santa Cruz County – Rio Rico Little League, \$400, Rio Rico

Yavapai County – Verde Valley Little League District 1, \$600, Cottonwood

Yuma County – San Luis Little League, \$600, San Luis