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ADEQ Supports Student Technology Recycling Program

PHOENIX (April 14, 2008) – The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality is helping to promote Computer Recycle Day, Saturday, April 19, 8 a.m. – noon, when technology users can recycle old equipment at Valley locations.

The nonprofit Arizona Students Recycling Used Technology (AZStRUT) Program allows users to dispose of old computers, computer components, hard drives, monitors, mice, printers, scanners, cables and cellphones in a way that benefits schools and non-profit organizations throughout Arizona.

“With the decreasing life cycle of electronic equipment, programs like AZStRUT have become essential,” said ADEQ Director Steve Owens. “AZStRUT takes components with potentially harmful contaminants out of the waste stream, performs a valuable educational service, and gives old equipment useful new lives.”

AZStRUT helps students learn new skills by refurbishing the donated equipment and then in turn donating the rebuilt items to local schools and non-profit organizations.

This is the eighth consecutive year ADEQ and AZStRUT have worked together to help reduce the burden on landfills.

The recycling locations:

- Chandler: Basha High School, 5990 S. Val Vista Rd.
- Gilbert: Gilbert High School, 1101 E. Elliot Rd.
- Glendale: ASU West, 4701 W. Thunderbird Rd.
- Phoenix: The Phoenix Zoo, 455 N. Galvin Parkway
- Mesa: Mesa High School, 1630 E. Southern Ave.
- Surprise: APS Service Center, 16800 N. Dysart Rd.
- Tempe: Tempe High School, 1730 S. Mill Ave.
- Valleywide: All Data Doctors Stores, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. For locations:
www.datadoctors.com.

Donations may be tax deductible. More information can be found online at www.azstrut.org.