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ADEQ Director Owens Announces \$18,000 Grant to Fund More Community Recycling in Pinetop-Lakeside in Navajo County

PHOENIX (June 26, 2008) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Director Steve Owens announced today that ADEQ is awarding \$18,000 to fund increased recycling in Pinetop-Lakeside.

The grant for the Navajo County town will be used to increase the number of recycling dropoff locations available to residents. Currently only a few locations are available. The funds will be used to purchase four recycling collection trailers.

“Recycling is one of our most effective tools to protect our environment, and it is especially important to increase recycling efforts in smaller communities throughout Arizona,” Director Owens said. “Recycling conserves our limited natural resources, saves energy, and reduces the need for landfills. We are glad to support this important effort to increase recycling in Pinetop-Lakeside.”

The grant is funded by ADEQ’s Waste Reduction Assistance program, for projects devoted to waste reduction, recycling and composting.