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ADEQ Director Owens Announces \$10,000 Recycling Grant to the To'Nanees'Dizi Chapter on the Navajo Nation

PHOENIX (July 8, 2008) –Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Director Steve Owens announced today that ADEQ is awarding \$10,000 to the To'Nanees'Dizi Chapter on the Navajo Nation to fund more recycling in Tuba City.

“Recycling is one of our most effective tools to protect our environment,” Director Owens added. “It is especially important to increase recycling opportunities on the Navajo Nation and throughout Coconino County to protect natural resources and the quality of life there. We are very pleased to support this important effort.”

The grant will fund an expansion of the only recycling program in the western part of the Navajo Nation. The chapter will use the funds to begin an educational campaign to encourage recycling in Tuba City and surrounding areas through community-wide distribution of flyers, banners and household recycling bins. The campaign will emphasize teachings relating to traditional Navajo concepts of harmony with the land and nature as they relate to recycling and waste reduction.

Coconino County is dedicating a used compactor for recycling use at the solid waste transfer station in Tuba City.

The grant is funded by ADEQ’s Waste Reduction Initiative Through Education program for projects that educate the citizens of Arizona about waste reduction, recycling and composting.