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ADEQ Announces More Than \$3.2 Million in Stimulus Funds for Cleanup of Leaking Underground Storage Tanks

PHOENIX (July 9, 2009) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that more than \$3.2 million in federal stimulus funding has been received to assist with cleanups of petroleum contamination from leaking underground storage tanks throughout Arizona.

The funding will be used by ADEQ's Tank Programs Division to clean up leaking tanks at up to 23 facilities in Buckeye, Clay Springs, Concho, Coolidge, Dewey-Humboldt, Flagstaff, Globe, Greer, Holbrook, Parker, Phoenix, Prescott, Safford, Somerton, Sonoita, Wellton, Willcox, Winslow and Yuma.

The funds are provided through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA) and are awarded to ADEQ through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The majority of the proposed projects are cleanups of petroleum contamination from leaking underground storage tanks for which owners cannot be identified or where owners are not financially capable of conducting cleanups. Two proposed projects are cleanups at school sites in Buckeye and Yuma.

"This funding is significant because it not only allows ADEQ to further protect human health and the environment for the people in Arizona, but it also provides opportunities for revitalization of communities and increased property values," said ADEQ Director Benjamin H. Grumbles.

The currently proposed projects and the estimated cleanup costs for each:

Buckeye (Maricopa County) – Buckeye Union High School parking lot, 902 E. Eason Ave., \$50,000

Clay Springs (Navajo County) – B & B Market, 5055 Sawmill Road, \$50,000

Concho (Apache County) – Former Berreras Gas Station, 35427 Highway 180-A, \$35,000

Coolidge (Pinal County) – Coolidge Thrift Store, 1495 S. Arizona Blvd., \$250,000

Dewey-Humboldt (Yavapai County) – Former Alaskan Oil Co., 2735 S. Highway 69, \$150,000

Flagstaff (Coconino County) – T & M Recycling center, 1860 W. Route 66, \$35,000

Globe (Gila County) – Shores Communications Service, Inc., 627 E. Ash Street, \$150,000

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Greer (Apache County) – Former Molly Butler Lodge, 103 Main Street, \$75,000
Holbrook (Navajo County) – Former Sunwest Trading Post, 905 W. Hopi Drive, \$125,000; Former Capitol Gas, 707 W. Hopi Drive, \$150,000; Farr’s Service, 101 W. Hopi Drive, \$150,000
Parker (La Paz County) – Former Manor Mobil, 10214 Riverside Drive, \$225,000
Phoenix (Maricopa County) – Former 7th Street Texaco, 6335 N. 7th Street, \$150,000
Prescott (Yavapai County) – Former Buddy’s Market, 1310 Iron Springs Road, \$150,000
Safford (Graham County) – Kempton Chevrolet, 601 W. 5th Street, \$125,000; Pinky’s Bait & Tackle, 5350 W. Highway 70, \$35,000
Somerton (Yuma County) – Former Circle K #918, 432 W. Main Street, \$75,000
Sonoita (Santa Cruz County) – Sonoita Services, Highway 83 South, \$100,000
Wellton (Yuma County) – Wellton Truck Scale Company, 28509 Los Angeles Ave., \$175,000
Willcox (Cochise County) – Mustang Service Center, 201 N. Haskell, \$250,000
Winslow (Navajo County) – Minnetonka Trading Post, Highway 66, \$225,000; Former Mayflower Trucking, 1004 W. 4th Street, \$35,000
Yuma (Yuma County) – Rancho Viejo Elementary School, 930 S. Avenue C, \$200,000

For information on ADEQ’s use of federal stimulus funds for cleaning up leaking underground storage tanks throughout Arizona, visit
<http://www.azdeq.gov/recovery/index.html>.

For more information on Governor Brewer’s Office of Economic Recovery, visit
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