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## **ADEQ Announces Electronics Waste Recycling Event will be held Saturday, Sept. 12 at City of Williams Rodeo Grounds**

PHOENIX (Sept. 4, 2009) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that an electronics waste recycling event will be held Saturday morning, Sept. 12 from 9 a.m. until noon at the City of Williams Rodeo Grounds.

ADEQ and its partners -- Green-Tech Assets of Mesa, Grand Canyon Railway, Xanterra Parks and Resorts, the City of Williams and Williams Clean and Beautiful – anticipate collecting tons of unwanted computers, monitors, batteries, chargers, cell phones, VCRs, CD and DVD players, printers, fax machines, cables and cords during the event. The recyclable material will be collected at the rodeo grounds, located at Airport Road and Rodeo Road in the northeast part of Williams.

Neither televisions nor appliances will be accepted during the event. Green-Tech Assets uses state of the art software to erase all hard drives and will also provide machinery on site to crush hard drives if customers so desire. Green-Tech Assets also will provide companies and individuals donating e-waste a certificate of disposal for their records.

“Electronics waste is a pressing and growing problem in Arizona and throughout the country and the proper disposal of it can become a great opportunity as well,” said ADEQ Director Benjamin H. Grumbles. “This is our second big e-waste recycling event and we’ll be sponsoring similar recycling roundups throughout the state in the coming year. We should always remember in our daily lives the three Rs – reduce, reuse and recycle.”

ADEQ and Green-Tech Assets sponsored the largest electronics recycling event ever in rural Arizona in late August when nearly 30 tons of recyclables were collected in Show Low and disposed of in an environmentally sensitive manner, rather than having the electronic devices take up valuable landfill space. Green-Tech also participated in an electronics recycling event last year in Williams which collected six tons of recyclables.

“We’ve had other successful events in rural Arizona and we are looking forward to serving Williams and the surrounding area for the second straight year,” said Karin Harris, business development manager of Green-Tech Assets.

“We are very excited to continue this project a second year. It was very successful last year and diverts a lot of electronics material from the landfill,” said Williams Assistant City Manager and Finance Director Joe Duffy.

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