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ADEQ Announces Electronics Waste Recycling Event will be held Saturday, Nov. 21 at Kennedy School in Superior

PHOENIX (Nov. 5, 2009) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that an electronics waste recycling event will be held Saturday afternoon, Nov. 21 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. in Superior at the parking lot of Kennedy Elementary School, 1500 W. Sunset Drive.

ADEQ and its partners – the Town of Superior, Resolution Copper Mining and Green-Tech Assets of Mesa -- anticipate collecting tons of unwanted televisions, computers, monitors, batteries, chargers, cell phones, VCRs, CD and DVD players, printers, small appliances, fax machines, cables and cords 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 problem in Arizona and throughout the country and the proper handling and disposal of it can become a great opportunity as well,” said ADEQ Director Benjamin H. Grumbles. “This is our fourth 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.”

“The Town of Superior is excited to be working with ADEQ, Resolution and Green-Tech Assets on this e-recycling event,” said Superior Mayor Michael Hing. “These events divert a large volume of materials from the landfill and recycling is just the responsible thing to do.”

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. ADEQ and Green-Tech also participated in an electronics recycling event in September in Williams which collected more than seven tons of recyclables and another in October in Payson which collected more than five tons.

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