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ADEQ Announces Electronics Waste Recycling Event will be held Saturday, Nov. 21 at Fry's Parking Lot in Globe

PHOENIX (Nov. 10, 2009) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that an electronics waste recycling event will be held Saturday Nov. 21 from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. in Globe in the parking lot of Fry's Food Store, 2115 Highway 60.

ADEQ and its partners – Gila County, City of Globe, Town of Miami, Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold 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.

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. 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.”

“We would like to encourage the community to take advantage of this event to recycle their old electronics and keep these items out of our landfill,” said Sharon Winters, manager of Gila County Recycling and Landfill Management.

The Gila County Waste Tire program also will have bins available at the event to drop off tires that are less than 4 feet in diameter, with a limit of 10 per licensed driver. Tires with rims are acceptable.

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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