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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event for Saturday, March 6 at City Hall in Lake Havasu City

PHOENIX – (Feb. 25, 2010) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free electronics waste recycling event will be held Saturday, March 6 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. in Lake Havasu City at the city hall parking lot, 2330 McCulloch Blvd. North.

ADEQ and its partners -- City of Lake Havasu City, Keep Havasu Beautiful Committee, and E-Waste Harvesters of Phoenix -- anticipate collecting tons of unwanted televisions, computer equipment, monitors, batteries, chargers, cell phones, VCRs, CD and DVD players, printers, small appliances, fax machines, stereos, cables and cords during the event.

“E-waste is hi-tech litter that's becoming one of Arizona's fastest growing environmental threats,” said ADEQ Director Benjamin H. Grumbles. “We can all make a difference by pitching in to the recycle bin and turn a potentially toxic stream of waste into useful products and green profits. This is the eleventh big e-waste recycling event in Arizona that we have sponsored during the past six months and we are expecting an excellent turnout from Lake Havasu City and the nearby area.”

Dean Barlow, chairman of Keep Havasu Beautiful, said he was excited about the electronics recycling event and the impact it will have on keeping electronic products from filling up valuable landfill space.

“This is our first major citywide effort attacking the problem of e-waste and we are delighted to be able to form this partnership with the city and state to allow for free electronics recycling,” Barlow said.

Companies and individuals donating e-waste will receive a certificate of disposal for their records from E-Waste Harvesters if they want the document. E-Waste Harvesters recycles all material in accordance with state and federal regulations and will erase all hard drives received with state of the art software.

ADEQ has sponsored e-recycling events in Show Low, Williams, Payson, Globe/Miami, Superior, Nogales, Tucson, Sun City West and the Phoenix metropolitan area and collected more than 100 tons of recyclable material.

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