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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event for Saturday, May 8 at Willcox Community Center

PHOENIX – (May 3, 2010) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free electronics waste recycling event for Willcox and the surrounding area will be held Saturday, May 8 from 9 a.m. to noon at Willcox Community Center, 312 W. Stewart Street.

ADEQ and its partners – the City of Willcox and Westech Recyclers -- 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 first event we have done in Cochise County and we are expecting an excellent turnout from Willcox and the nearby area.”

Westech Recyclers recycles all material in accordance with state and federal regulations and will erase all hard drives received with state of the art software. Westech has been recycling the state's electronic material for more than 14 years and is the primary recycling partner of most of Arizona's towns and cities.

ADEQ has sponsored e-recycling events in Show Low, Williams, Payson, Globe/Miami, Superior, Nogales, Tucson, Sun City West, Lake Havasu City, Casa Grande and the Phoenix metropolitan area during the past eight months and collected more than 130 tons of recyclable material.

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