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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event for Heber and Overgaard Saturday, Aug. 28 at Mogollon Complex

PHOENIX (Aug. 13, 2010) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free electronics waste recycling event for Heber, Overgaard and the surrounding area will be held Saturday, Aug. 28 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Mogollon Complex in Overgaard, 2188 W. Country Club Drive.

ADEQ and its partners – Navajo County, Girl Scout Troop #2566 and E-Waste Harvesters -- 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. For more information, call (928) 535-7115 or (928) 535-4323.

“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 the Heber and Overgaard area and we are expecting an excellent turnout.”

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 will erase all hard drives with state of the art software and recycles all materials in accordance with state and federal regulations.

ADEQ has sponsored 16 e-recycling events around the state during the past year and collected 168 tons of e-waste from nearly 2,700 motorists.

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