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ADEQ Partnering with Verde Valley Municipalities in Grease to Biofuel Drive on Friday After Thanksgiving

PHOENIX – (November 19, 2010) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that the agency is partnering with Verde Valley officials to encourage residents of Cottonwood, Camp Verde, Sedona and surrounding areas to dispose of Thanksgiving turkey grease at local collection sites rather than clogging drains and creating wastewater treatment plant blockages.

The collection sites will all be in operation from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26 at marked barrel containers in the following locations:

- COTTONWOOD: Cottonwood Recycling Center, 535 S. Sixth Street
- CAMP VERDE: Bashas' Parking Lot, 650 W. Finnie Flats Road
- SEDONA: Bashas' Parking Lot, 160 Coffee Pot Drive
- VILLAGE OF OAK CREEK: Weber's IGA Food Store Parking Lot, 100 Verde Valley School Road

ADEQ will be partnering in the events with the Town of Cottonwood, the Camp Verde Chamber of Commerce, the grocery stores and A Greener Day Recycling of Cornville, which converts waste cooking grease into biofuel. Among the recycling company's clients is Grand Canyon Railway, which has used the biofuel for its train excursions from Williams to the Grand Canyon.

"Just say no to clogs and yes to turkey grease recycling," said Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Director Benjamin H. Grumbles. "Thankfully, more households, businesses and communities are seeing green by keeping fats, waste vegetable oils, and greases out of drains and sewers and converting them into clean-burning biodiesel fuel easily and cheaply."

Arizona offers several venues for grease collection that will ensure it is used locally for the production of clean burning fuel.

The Town of Gilbert and Arizona BioDiesel are partnering to collect the grease through January 09, 2011 at nine Gilbert fire stations located at the following addresses: 215 N. Cooper Road, 2730 E. Williams Field Road, 2855 E. Guadalupe Road, 1011 E. Guadalupe Road, 909 E. Ray Road, 3630 E. Germann Road, 1095 E. Germann Road, 2860 E. Riggs Road and 3595 E. Warner Road.

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In the Town of Cave Creek, Dynamite Biofuels Co-op is partnering with Big Earl's Greasy Eats Restaurant, 6135 E. Cave Creek Road, and is offering a bin for grease collection daily from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Sunday, November 28 through Thursday, December 02 and 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday during the holiday season.

In Tucson, cooking oil can be dropped off on November 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at four locations to be converted into biodiesel fuel: O'Reilly Chevrolet, 6160 E. Broadway; Pima County Industrial Wastewater Control Plant, 5025 W. Ina Road; Sam Hughes' Championship Dining, 446 N. Campbell Ave.; and the City of Tucson Water Plant #2, 1102 W. Irvington Road.

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