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## **ADEQ Officials Announce \$56,000 Brownfields Grant to Town of Parker for Cleanup of Asbestos in Three Town Buildings**

PHOENIX (Nov. 29, 2010) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a \$56,000 grant has been awarded to the Town of Parker for the cleanup of small quantities of asbestos in three town buildings which the town wants to bring in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

The town received a community development block grant for the barrier removal project, to make the buildings more accessible for the handicapped, but funds from that grant can not be used for asbestos cleanup. The work will be performed at the town hall/police station, the library and at the community/senior center.

“We commend the Town of Parker for taking action to accommodate all of its residents and redeveloping in an environmentally sensitive manner,” ADEQ Director Benjamin H. Grumbles said. “Our state response grant program is all about partnering with towns like Parker to reduce environmental hazards.”

Town officials have said the asbestos in the structures is stable and does not pose a health hazard. The buildings were constructed between the mid-1960s and 1983, when asbestos was used as a common material for insulation.