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ADEQ Announces Electronics Waste Recycling Event will be held Saturday, March 6 at Fry's Parking Lot in Globe

PHOENIX (Feb. 24, 2010) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that an electronics waste recycling event will be held Saturday March 6 from 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. in Globe in the parking lot of Fry's Food Store, 2115 Highway 60.

ADEQ and its partners – Gila County, City of Globe, and Westech Recyclers 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 our tenth big e-waste recycling event in Arizona and we'll be sponsoring similar recycling roundups throughout the state in the coming year.”

“We would like to encourage the community to take advantage of this event to recycle their old electronics and keep these items out of our landfill,” said Sharon Winters, manager of Gila County Recycling and Landfill Management.

Companies and individuals donating e-waste will receive a certificate of disposal for their records from Westech Recyclers if they want the document. 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 sponsored a highly successful electronics recycling event in the Globe-Miami area last November which collected more than 19,000 pounds of discarded material.

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