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ADEQ Announces Free Regional Electronics Waste Recycling Event at Sahuarita Town Hall on Jan. 22

PHOENIX – (Jan. 11, 2011) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free regional electronics waste recycling event for residents of Sahuarita and Green Valley will be held Saturday, Jan. 22 from 8 a.m. until noon in the parking lot of Sahuarita Town Hall, 375 West Sahuarita Center Way.

ADEQ and its partners -- the Town of Sahuarita, Green Valley/Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce and E-Waste Harvesters 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.

The free E-waste collection will be part of a larger event in which motorists are encouraged to also bring household hazardous waste like paint and unused or expired prescription or over-the-counter medication for environmentally responsible disposal. Three separate areas will be set up in the parking lot to collect the electronic waste, household hazardous waste and medication. Those bringing waste to the event also will receive a six pack of compact fluorescent light bulbs.

“We are excited about having our first free electronic waste collection event to serve residents of both Sahuarita and Green Valley,” said ADEQ Acting Director Henry Darwin. “This is a great opportunity for people in the region to dispose of all the unwanted electronics they have collected over the years while at the same time ensuring that this potentially toxic stream of waste is disposed of responsibly and does not take up valuable landfill space.”

“This event is a great public service for the region and we encourage all of our members to think green and participate,” said Jim Di Giacomo, executive director of the Green Valley/Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce.

“This is the first time we have had a waste collection event of this scale and we expect this to be a launching pad for future annual recycling events held by the town,” said Monica Wilson, public works project manager for the Town of Sahuarita.

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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 the company recycles all materials in accordance with state and federal regulations.

ADEQ has sponsored 26 events since August 2009 throughout the state and collected 652,769 pounds -- more than 325 tons -- from nearly 4,500 vehicles attending the e-waste events.

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