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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event for Sun City West Area Residents on March 26

PHOENIX (March 15, 2011) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that the second annual free electronics waste recycling event for residents of Sun City West, Sun City and the surrounding area will be held on Saturday, March 26 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the Sundome, 19403 R.H. Johnson Blvd.

ADEQ and its partners -- PORA, Recreation Centers of Sun City West and the recycling company 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 at the event. More than 22 tons of discarded electronics were turned in by 600 motorists at ADEQ's first event in Sun City West in January 2010.

“We are excited about returning to Sun City West because we had an overwhelming response there last year for the first free electronics waste collection event in that area,” ADEQ Director Henry Darwin said. “This is a great opportunity for people 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.”

PORA Community Liaison Larry Woods also said he is eagerly anticipating the event.

“There is a huge need for electronics waste collection events as we found out last year,” Woods said. “This is a great opportunity for people to dispose of their old electronics free of charge in an environmentally responsible manner.”

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 35 events since August 2009 throughout the state and collected 827,342 pounds from more than 6,000 vehicles attending the events.

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