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ADEQ Announces Northern Regional Office in Flagstaff to Close May 31; Community Liaison to Remain in City

PHOENIX (May 16, 2011) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that the agency's Northern Regional Office (NRO) in Flagstaff will be closed officially on May 31 because of continuing budget shortfalls and the need to streamline ADEQ operations in the northern part of the state.

But ADEQ will retain a presence in Flagstaff. Northern Regional Office Acting Director Sybil Smith will become the agency's Northwest Arizona community liaison effective June 1 in charge of constituent needs in Coconino, Mohave and Yavapai counties.

Smith's smith.sybil@azdeq.gov new office will be located at 2625 N. King St., Second Floor in east Flagstaff and her new office number will be (928) 679-7307 and (928) 679-7308 for fax transmissions. The mailing address at the Northwest Arizona Community Liaison Office is P.O. Box 639, Flagstaff, AZ 86002.

"Even though we are closing the Northern Regional Office, we will continue the current level of service through our liaisons and the former NRO staff that have been relocated to Phoenix," said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin.

Northeast Arizona Community Liaison Byron James james.byron@azdeq.gov of St. Johns will continue to serve Apache, Navajo and northern Gila counties. The community liaison office number in northeast Arizona is (928) 337-3565, the fax is (928) 337-5028 and the mailing address is P.O. Box 2129, St. Johns, Az. 85936.

If Northern Arizona residents wish to contact the central office of ADEQ directly, they can call (602) 771-2300 or (800) 234-5677.