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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event in Holbrook's Gillespie Park on Saturday, Sept. 17

PHOENIX (Sept. 6, 2011) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that they will sponsor a Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event at Gillespie Park in Holbrook, located on the corner of Navajo Boulevard and Hopi Drive, on Sept. 17 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADEQ and its partners – City of Holbrook, Xanterra Parks & Resorts, Petrified Forest National Park, Northland Pioneer College, Little Colorado River Plateau Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc. and Global Electronic Recycling 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, cameras, cables and cords during the event.

In addition to residents of Holbrook and nearby communities like Joseph City, Woodruff and Sun Valley, those living in nearby areas of the Navajo Nation like the chapters of Dilcon, Indian Wells, Greasewood Springs, Nahata Dził and Birdsprings are invited to attend and bring their E-waste.

Event organizers can not accept disassembled or cracked computer monitors or television screens. For more information about the event, call (928)337-3565.

“We are very excited about sponsoring our first E-waste event in Holbrook and welcome everyone in the region to attend,” said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin. “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.”

Companies and individuals donating e-waste will receive a certificate of disposal for their records from Global Electronic Recycling if they want the document. Global 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 42 events since August 2009 throughout the state and collected just more than 1,050,000 pounds from more than 8,000 vehicles attending the events.

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