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ADEQ Announces Third Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event for Lake Havasu City at City Hall Saturday, March 10

PHOENIX (Feb. 27, 2012) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that the third annual Lake Havasu City free electronics waste recycling event will be held Saturday, March 10 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Lake Havasu City at the city hall parking lot, 2330 McCulloch Blvd. North.

ADEQ and its partners -- City of Lake Havasu City, Keep Havasu Beautiful Committee, Student Environmental Activist Club 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.

During the past two years, ADEQ, city workers and other volunteers have collected nearly 32 tons - 63,287 pounds - of electronics waste from 525 vehicles, one of the most successful collection efforts that ADEQ has had in its statewide program.

“Lake Havasu City residents have made these events hugely successful and we’re looking forward to our third year of this partnership,” ADEQ Director Henry Darwin said. “These events insure that this potentially toxic stream of waste is disposed of responsibly and does not take up valuable landfill space.”

Doyle Wilson, Lake Havasu City’s Water Resources Coordinator, said he was excited about the electronics recycling event and the impact it will have on keeping electronic products out of the landfill.

“After the great events we have had the last two years attacking the problem of e-waste, we are delighted to be able to renew this partnership again to allow for free electronics recycling,” Barlow said.

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 recycles all material in accordance with state and federal regulations and will erase all hard drives received with state of the art software.

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