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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event Scheduled for April 7 at Whole Foods Markets in Valley

PHOENIX (March 27, 2012) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free electronics waste recycling event for residents of Phoenix and the surrounding area will be held Saturday, April 7 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the parking lots of the Whole Foods Market stores at 10810 N. Tatum Blvd. and 7111 E. Mayo Blvd. in Phoenix, 2955 W. Ray Road in Chandler, 8688 E. Raintree Drive in Scottsdale and 5120 S. Rural Road in Tempe.

ADEQ and its partners -- Whole Foods Market, Arizona Lost Boys (of Sudan) Center and Westech Recyclers 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.

“We are excited about partnering with the Whole Foods markets in the Valley to do a free electronics waste recycling event for the third straight year,” 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.”

Sara Putnam, metro marketing supervisor for Whole Foods Markets in Arizona, said that the e-recycling event reflects one of the market’s key core values.

“Whole Foods Market is thrilled to be a partner in this event. Caring about our communities and our environment is one of our seven core values and having the event benefit the Arizona Lost Boys Center creates a win-win for the environment and our community. We hope residents and businesses alike join us in taking advantage of this free recycling event,” Putnam said.

Companies and individuals donating e-waste will receive a certificate of disposal for their records from Westech Recyclers if they want the document. Westech Recyclers 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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