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ADEQ Officials Announce that Applicants Being Sought to Serve in Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Program

PHOENIX (Oct. 11, 2012) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that they are seeking nominations for the appointment of individuals with backgrounds in sustainability, environmental management systems, and/or compliance assurance, to serve on an advisory council for instituting the Arizona Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Program.

This program is an outgrowth of House Bill 2799, which was signed into law by Governor Jan Brewer earlier this year. The program will provide recognition and incentives for organizations that have a good history of environmental compliance.

ADEQ will conduct stakeholder meetings before developing policies, guidelines or rules for the program. Under the authorizing legislation, members of the group must include representatives from the Legislature, the Arizona Environmental Performance Track Program, the regulated community, local governments and environmental advocacy groups.

“The Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Program will acknowledge and recognize those organizations going above and beyond in sustaining environmental compliance,” said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin. “It will build upon the progress already made by our Performance Track Program in previous years.”

Those interested in being considered for the advisory council must submit a letter of intent and resume to: Ian Bingham, ADEQ Ombudsman, 6th Floor, 1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona 85007, fax, (602) 771-4897, or email idb@azdeq.gov

Nominations must be received by October 23, 2012.