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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Events for Residents of Willcox on Saturday, Jan. 12

PHOENIX (Jan. 8, 2013) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free electronics waste recycling event for Southeast Arizona residents of Willcox will be held on Saturday, Jan. 12 from 9 a.m. until noon.

The Willcox event, sponsored by ADEQ, City of Willcox and Westech Recyclers of Phoenix, will be held at the Willcox Community Center, 312 W. Stewart Street. For more information, call (520) 384-6447.

ADEQ and its partners 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 at the two events.

“We are excited about sponsoring another free electronics waste collection event in Willcox and welcome everyone living in the area 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 Westech Recyclers if they want the document. Westech Recyclers 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 73 events since August 2009 throughout the state and collected more than 1.8 million pounds of discarded electronics equipment.