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ADEQ Announces Fourth Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event for Lake Havasu City at Police Station Saturday, Feb. 9

PHOENIX (Feb. 1, 2013) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that the fourth annual Lake Havasu City free electronics waste recycling event will be held Saturday, Feb. 9 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Police Station parking lot, 2360 McCulloch Blvd. North, across the street from City Hall.

ADEQ and its partners -- City of Lake Havasu City, Keep Havasu Beautiful Committee 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 three years, ADEQ, city workers and other volunteers have collected more than 43 tons – 86,980 pounds - of electronics waste from 775 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 fourth 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.

“These events make a huge difference in the responsible disposal of electronics waste and take a bite out of the problem of illegal dumping in our area,” Wilson said. “We’re very happy once again to co-sponsor this event and offer the opportunity for our residents to get rid of their e-waste for free.”

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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