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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event for Saturday, April 27 at Walmart Parking Lot in Marana

PHOENIX (April 16, 2013) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free electronics waste recycling event for Marana and the surrounding area will be held Saturday, April 27 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Walmart parking lot, 8280 N. Cortaro Road in Marana.

ADEQ and its partners – Town of Marana, Silver Bell Mining, LLC, Walmart 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.

“We’re excited because this is our first e-waste collection event in Marana and we are also expecting residents of Oro Valley, Rillito and Cortaro to participate,” said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin. “This is a great opportunity for people in the area north of Tucson 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 E-Waste Harvesters if they want the document. E-Waste Harvesters will erase all hard drives with state of the art software and recycles all materials in accordance with state and federal regulations.

ADEQ has sponsored 85 events statewide since the e-waste program’s inception in August 2009 and collected nearly 2.1 million pounds of electronics for recycling.

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