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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event in Hopi Village of Kykotsmovi on Saturday, May 3

PHOENIX (April 21, 2014) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that they will have a free electronics waste recycling event on the Hopi Nation in the Village of Kykotsmovi at Old AmeriGas Propane Yard, located on the corner of Highway 264 and Route 2, on Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADEQ and its partners – the Hopi Environmental Protection Office 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, cameras, cables and cords during the event. No more than five televisions will be accepted from each vehicle.

In addition to residents of the Hopi Nation, those living in nearby areas of the Navajo Nation like the chapters of Black Mesa, Coal Mine Canyon, Forest Lake, Hardrock, Jeddito, Low Mountain, Pinon, Shonto, Steamboat, Teesto and Tonalea are invited to attend and bring their E-waste.

For more information about the event, call Phil Poseyesva of Hopi EPO at (928) 734-3633 or Byron James of ADEQ at (928) 337-3565.

“We are very excited about sponsoring our third e-waste recycling event on the Hopi Nation. We have had two previous highly successful events in which nearly 50 tons were collected,” 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 E-Waste Harvesters if they want the document. E-Waste Harvesters 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 94 events since August 2009 throughout the state and collected 2.4 million pounds from nearly 19,000 vehicles attending the events.

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