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ADEQ Encourages Governments, Non-Profits to Apply for Brownfields Funding by end of Fiscal Year, June 30

PHOENIX (May 6, 2014) – The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality encourages cities, towns, counties, other governmental entities and non-profit groups in the state to submit applications and proposals for brownfields grants by June 30 for Fiscal Year 2015, which begins July 1.

ADEQ receives its brownfields funding each year from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to assist local governments and nonprofits in addressing environmental contamination that is either present or suspected of being present on properties. The grant funds can be utilized for environmental site assessments, asbestos and lead-based paint surveys and, in some circumstances, to remediate environmental issues.

The brownfields grant money provides technical assistance in assessing and cleaning up such properties to create new business opportunities, increase tax revenue and eliminate blight.

Brownfields are properties in which redevelopment or reuse may be complicated by the real or perceived presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or some contaminant. Examples of brownfields include landfills or dump sites, abandoned facilities, historical preservation buildings, dry cleaners, gas stations, land scarred by mining and auto repair shops.

“Our brownfields funding can help revitalize communities, and we strongly encourage those in need for such money to apply by June 30,” said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin.

To discuss eligible properties and projects, contact André Chiaradia of ADEQ at (602) 771-2296 or rc6@azdeq.gov. For more information about ADEQ’s brownfields program: <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/waste/cleanup/brownfields.html>.