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ADEQ Air Quality Division Director Massey Selected President of WESTAR Council Board of Directors

PHOENIX (May 28, 2014) – Eric Massey, Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality’s Air Quality Division for the past four years, has been selected president of the board of directors of the 15-state Western States Air Resources Council (WESTAR).

Massey previously had served as vice president and treasurer of the WESTAR board of directors. Westar serves as a forum to discuss Western regional air quality issues of common concern and to share resources and information for the common benefit of its member states. It also works in conjunction with federal land managers and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to meet air quality objectives.

Massey succeeds Alice Edwards, Air Quality Director of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, as president. In addition to Arizona, other member states are Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

“This is recognition by Eric’s peers of the great work he has done in providing a framework to improve air quality throughout the West,” said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin. “He has been instrumental in many initiatives that have made large strides in cleaning the skies in the Phoenix metropolitan area in recent years.”

As Air Quality Division Director, Massey oversees the state’s ambient monitoring network, air pollution forecasting, compliance and enforcement, permitting, vehicle emissions inspections and the development of implementation plans and rules.

Massey received his bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from Arizona State University and has served in various jobs in the Air Quality Division since 1998 including permit engineer, permit unit supervisor, and manager of the permit and compliance programs before becoming director in 2010.