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The Metropolitan Environmental Trust (The M.e.t.) Recognized as an Oklahoma Clean Community

A special ceremony is scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Thursday, November 7, 2013, to recognize the Metropolitan Environmental Trust (The M.e.t.) as an Oklahoma Clean Community. The ceremony will be held in the Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG) large conference room at 2 W. 2nd St., Suite 800 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The M.e.t. helps the Tulsa County metro area to reduce waste in a variety of ways. The M.e.t. maintains 12 recycling depots over 11 communities including Tulsa, Owasso, Collinsville, Glenpool, Coweta, Sand Springs, Broken Arrow, Claremore, Glenpool, Bixby, and Jenks. Additionally, the M.e.t. holds a Household Pollutant Collection Event twice per year, promotes sustainable lawn care through its composting education program, promotes large scale environmental education, and holds special collection events for nontraditional recyclable items such as old tires. As a result, the M.e.t and Tulsa area residents are working together to clean up their communities.

DEQ has partnered with Keep Oklahoma Beautiful (KOB) to recognize entities that participate in at least one tire collection event annually and other environmental service projects. DEQ encourages entities to coordinate a community-wide cleanup of used tires. DEQ's Tire Indemnity Fund will pay to haul off old, unused, or abandoned tires. Tire piles can be an eyesore and attract unwelcome pests, such as mosquitoes and rodents. After cleanup is complete and all criteria for other service projects are met, DEQ and KOB will recognize an entity as an Oklahoma Clean Community.

More information on the Used Tire Recycling Program is available at <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/lpdnew/TireRecyclingPrg.htm> or by contacting Ferrella March at ferrella.march@deq.ok.gov or 405-702-5175.

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