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## News Release

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### **DEQ Encourages Oklahomans to be Aware of America Recycles Day**

America Recycles Day (ARD), which is November 15, 2011, is a nationally recognized day dedicated to the promotion of recycling. The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) encourages Oklahomans to be aware of recycling events in their community. Currently there are more than 20,000 recycling programs across the United States. At least 50 percent of Oklahomans have access to recycling.

Every year, communities, organizations, schools and businesses hold ARD events to celebrate recycling and motivate citizens to get involved. ARD celebrates clean air and water, a reliable supply of energy, and a healthy future for our children. However, a lot of valuable materials are still being wasted. ARD also means rededicating ourselves to recycling.

“Recycling is incredibly important for our future and the future of our environment. America Recycles Day is a great way for Oklahomans to become more aware of the recycling programs in our state and to learn how beneficial recycling is for our local economies,” said DEQ Director of Waste Systems Planning Fenton Rood. “In Oklahoma, we have several major manufacturers that require recycled materials to make their products.”

For a list of recyclers in Oklahoma, visit the DEQ website at <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/lpdnew/Recyclingindex.htm>, and for more information on America Recycles Day, visit <http://americarecyclesday.org/>.

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