Gov. Guinn announces contributions
for fight against Yucca Mountain

CARSON CITY – Nevada Gov. Kenny Guinn announced today that the state has acquired more resources in its fight against the proposed Yucca Mountain high-level nuclear waste repository.

“I am pleased to announce that Nevada has received an additional $1,053,357 in contributions from cities and counties in Nevada to help in our fight against the Yucca Mountain project,” Guinn said. “The Nevada Protection Fund, which was established during the last legislative session, received an appropriation of $4 million from the Legislature. We have now received an additional $1 million from Clark County, $1,000 from Mineral County, $50,000 from the City of Mesquite, $1,000 from the City of Lovelock, and $1,367 from the City of Wells.

“I am pleased and grateful at the generous contributions these entities have made to assist the fight against Yucca Mountain. It is clear there is statewide concern about this project, and these contributions demonstrate the resolve we have to defeat this unsafe project.”

As of September, two top law firms have been retained to represent the state in legal forums. The state also plans to address the transportation issue in a national public awareness campaign, with funding from the Nevada Protection Fund.

“Nevada is moving ahead with our strategy to defeat the project,” Guinn said, “and in the near future I, along with the members of the Nevada Commission on Nuclear Projects, will be contacting businesses and others in the private sector for additional contributions to continue to build our Yucca Mountain opposition fund. The federal government and the nuclear industry have been put on notice that Nevada will fight this project every step of the way, and we will prevail.”

For more information about the Nevada Protection Fund and how to contribute contact the Agency for Nuclear Projects at 1-800-366-0990 or visit the web site at www.state.nv.us/nucwaste/

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