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Nevada officials saddened by passing of attorney Joe Egan

CARSON CITY, Nev. – Bob Loux, executive director of the state Agency for Nuclear Projects, issued the following statement today about nationally known attorney Joe Egan, who died Wednesday after a long battle with stomach cancer:

"On behalf of the state of Nevada, we are deeply saddened by the passing of Joe Egan. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Joe's family, friends and his colleagues at Egan, Fitzpatrick & Malsch. Joe was a gifted and talented man who has provided invaluable service and counsel to Nevada in our ongoing battle to halt the Yucca Mountain Project. We will miss him."

Egan, Fitzpatrick & Malsch is the law firm hired in 2001 by Nevada to represent it before the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in licensing proceedings for the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository. Effective May 1, Egan relinquished his role of lead licensing counsel to Martin G. Malsch, a 30-year veteran of nuclear law and the former acting general counsel of NRC. Charles Fitzpatrick, the firm's current managing director and a veteran of 25 years of nuclear power plant lawsuits, assumed the role of lead litigation counsel for the firm.

Nevada opposes the nuclear waste repository proposed for Yucca Mountain, about 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas. For more information on Nevada's battle against the proposed nuclear waste dump, visit www.state.nv.us/nucwaste.

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