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## GenCorp hires ex-opponent as environmental lawyer

GenCorp Inc. of Sacramento has hired William E. Hvidsten, who helped mount a legal challenge against GenCorp's development plans last winter, as its senior counsel for environmental issues.

He is now responsible for counsel related to environmental litigation, remediation, regulatory compliance and real estate transactions, the company announced.

Last winter Hvidsten and his previous firm represented Sacramento County when it filed a lawsuit challenging a state decision to let GenCorp carve out 3,200 acres from its Aerojet Superfund site and sell that land for development.

Hvidsten has been a shareholder with the Sacramento firm Somach, Simmons & Dunn for 10 years.

GenCorp (NYSE: GY), one of Greater Sacramento's largest public companies, is a manufacturer with positions in the aerospace, automotive, defense, and pharmaceutical fine chemicals industries.

Its major local asset is Aerojet, which has a 13,000-acre campus near Rancho Cordova. GenCorp intends to develop most of that land and must clear various environmental hurdles to get there.

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