## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### **WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

## FORM 8-K

# CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) May 5, 2003

# GenCorp Inc.

| (Exact Na   | me of Registrant as Specified in Cha | arter)                           |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Ohio  | 1-01520                              | 34-0244000                       |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)          | (Commission File<br>Number)          | IRS Employer Identification No.) |
| Highway 50 and Aerojet Road, Rancho Cordova, California |                                      | 95670                            |
| (Address of Principal Executive Offic                   | es)                                  | (Zip Code)                       |
| P.O. Box 537012, Sacramento, California                 |                                      | 95853-7012                       |
| (Mailing Address)                                       |                                      | (Zip Code)                       |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (916) 355-4000

#### **Item 5. Other Events**

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by this reference is the text of the registrant's press release which was issued on May 5, 2003.

Exhibit 99.1 is a GenCorp Inc. press release dated May 5, 2003, in which GenCorp Inc. and Sequa Corporation announced that GenCorp's Aerojet-General Corporation subsidiary (Aerojet) has signed an agreement to acquire substantially all of the assets related to the propulsion business of Sequa's Atlantic Research Corporation subsidiary (ARC), as well as the shares of ARC UK Limited.

#### Item 7. Exhibits

| Table<br>Item No. | Exhibit Description   |  |
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|                   | subsidiary (ARC), as well as the shares of ARC UK Limited.  |  |

#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

GENCORP INC.

By: /s/ Margaret Hastings

Name: Margaret Hastings

Title: Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Secretary

Dated: May 5, 2003