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Solomon Attacks Reid 'Politics'

Charging that the state Department of Environmental Conservation "intends to dramatize . . . all out of proportion" a hearing into charges that General Electric Co. has been polluting the Hudson River, Assemblyman Gerald B. Solomon Thursday called for the resignation of the environmental conservation commissioner.

"If (EnCon Commissioner) Ogden Reid wants to play politics, he ought to resign instead of using his position as EnCon commissioner to further his political ambitions."

The Queensbury assemblyman said his remarks were directed at the department's "unusual request to move the hearing around the state," a move, Solomon said was calculated to "obtain greater exposure."

The hearing into GE's alleged dumping of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBS) into the Hudson opened Monday in Albany and was adjourned to a November date.

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