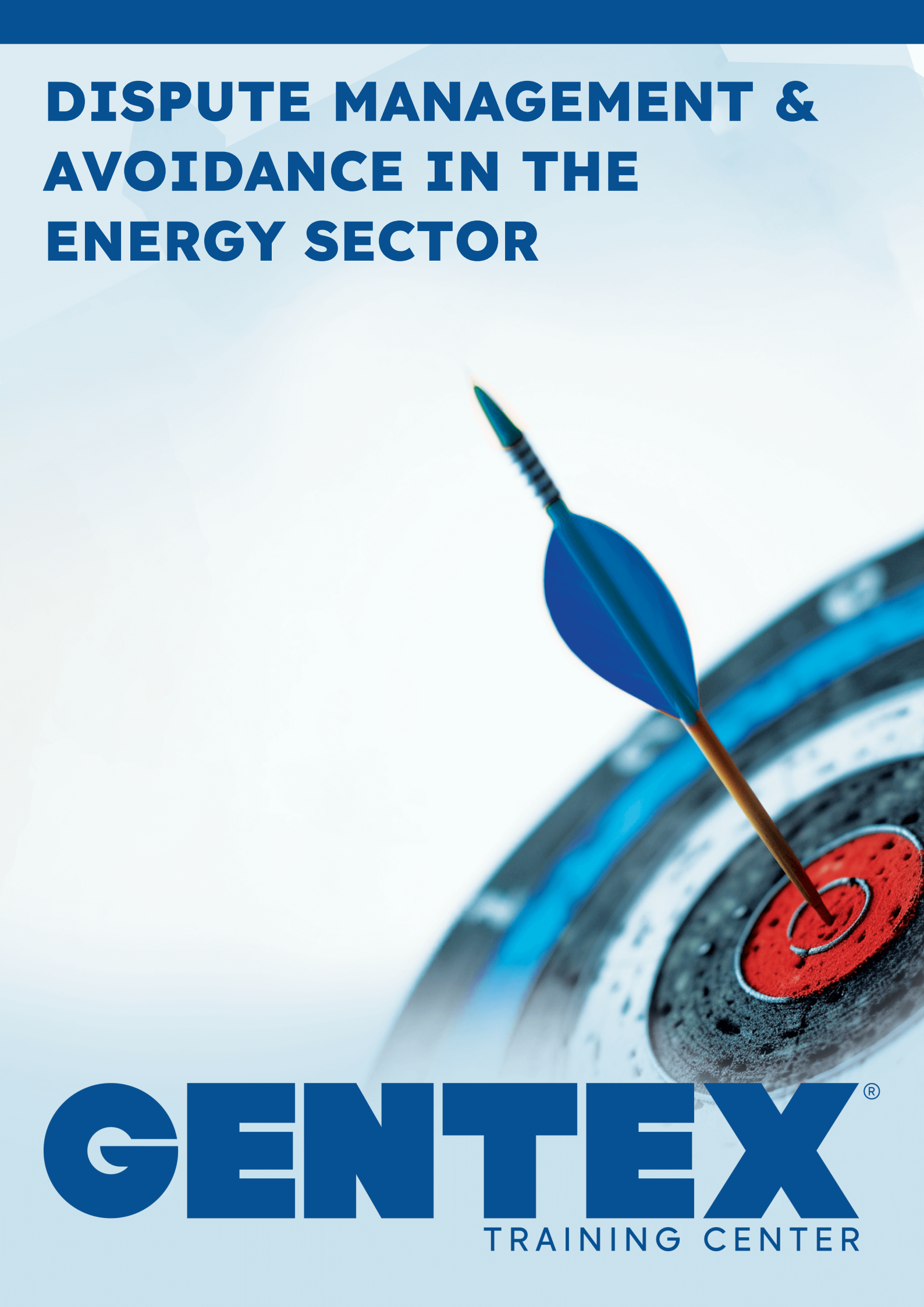
DISPUTE MANAGEMENT & AVOIDANCE IN THE ENERGY SECTOR



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Introduction

Dispute Management & Avoidance in the Energy Sector examines how companies prevent, manage, and resolve disagreements across upstream, midstream, and power projects. This Training Course explores the contract clauses, risk allocation models, and escalation routes that keep energy disputes under control. Participants study FIDIC and LOGIC contract forms, joint operating agreements, delay and disruption claims, and expert determination. Furthermore, the programme connects legal frameworks to field reality through case studies and simulated negotiations. As a result, delegates leave able to anticipate disputes early and resolve them efficiently.

Dispute Management & Avoidance in the Energy Sector Course Objectives

- Identify the common causes of disputes in energy and power projects.
- Interpret risk allocation clauses in FIDIC, LOGIC, and CRINE contract forms.
- Draft clear dispute resolution clauses with tiered escalation.
- Manage delay, disruption, and force majeure claims systematically.
- Apply time bar and notice requirements to protect legal position.
- Build claims records, contemporaneous evidence files, and cost data.
- Navigate joint operating agreements and partner disagreements.
- Prepare for expert determination, mediation, and arbitration.
- Understand arbitration rules including ICC, LCIA, and DIAC.
- Design dispute avoidance systems and lessons-learned reviews.

Course Methodology

- Interactive workshops using real energy dispute case studies.

- Structured role-play of negotiation, mediation, and settlement talks.
- Contract clause analysis with guided interpretation exercises.
- Simulation of claims preparation and notice compliance.
- Facilitated discussion of joint venture and host government tensions.
- Action planning that converts each session into a workplace commitment.

Who Should Take This Course

- Contract managers and legal counsel in energy companies.
- Project directors and engineering managers.
- Commercial and claims specialists.
- In-house and external dispute lawyers.
- Procurement and supply chain leaders.
- Joint venture and partnership managers.
- Risk, compliance, and audit professionals.

Dispute Management & Avoidance in the Energy Sector Course Outlines

Day 1: Understanding Disputes in the Energy Sector

- Common dispute triggers: scope, delay, cost, quality, and payment.
- Lifecycle disputes across exploration, construction, and operations.
- Stakeholders: operators, contractors, host governments, and communities.
- Contract forms in focus: FIDIC, LOGIC, CRINE, and bespoke EPC.
- Risk allocation principles and their commercial consequences.
- Dispute cost and relationship damage in long-cycle projects.

- Mapping dispute risk in the organization's portfolio.

Day 2: Contract Frameworks and Dispute Clauses

- Force majeure, change in law, and hardship clauses.
- Delay, disruption, and extension of time mechanisms.
- Liquidated damages, caps, and limitation of liability.
- Indemnities, insurance, and knock-for-knock regimes.
- Notice and time bar requirements under FIDIC and LOGIC.
- Joint operating agreements and partner voting deadlocks.
- Drafting effective multi-tier dispute resolution clauses.

Day 3: Claims Preparation and Management

- Building a contemporaneous claims evidence file.
- Delay analysis methods: as-planned vs as-built, time impact analysis.
- Disruption, productivity loss, and acceleration claims.
- Quantum: measured, evaluated, and global cost approaches.
- Change order and variation control discipline.
- Managing claims correspondence and notice registers.
- Early warning systems and dispute avoidance triggers.

Day 4: Mediation, Expert Determination, and Arbitration

- Negotiation strategy and interest-based settlement.
- Mediation process, mediator selection, and settlement agreements.
- Expert determination and dispute boards (DB, DAB).

- Arbitration institutions: ICC, LCIA, DIAC, and ad hoc rules.
- Seat, language, tribunal composition, and enforcement of awards.
- The New York Convention and cross-border enforcement.
- Cost, confidentiality, and time considerations.

Day 5: Dispute Avoidance and Programme Design

- Designing a dispute avoidance framework and governance.
- Contract management discipline and communication protocols.
- Standing dispute boards and early neutral evaluation.
- Lessons-learned reviews and portfolio reporting.
- Managing cultural, language, and jurisdictional differences.
- Building internal capability: training, playbooks, and templates.
- Personal action plan and continuous improvement.

Conclusion

By successfully completing Dispute Management & Avoidance in the Energy Sector, participants will have acquired a practical command of contract frameworks, claims preparation, and resolution routes in the energy sector. They will know how to interpret risk allocation clauses, protect notice requirements, and prepare evidence for mediation or arbitration. In addition, the course prepares delegates to build dispute avoidance systems that reduce cost and preserve commercial relationships. As a result, they return to work ready to manage energy disputes with composure and control. Gentex Training Center delivers this Training Course with a practical, standards-based approach.

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FAQs for the Dispute Management & Avoidance in the Energy Sector course

Q1 What is the "Dispute Management & Avoidance in the Energy Sector" course about?

It is a five-day programme that explains how energy companies prevent and resolve contractual disagreements. It covers FIDIC, LOGIC, and CRINE contract forms, risk allocation, claims preparation, joint operating agreements, mediation, expert determination, and arbitration.

Q2 What are the key benefits of the "Dispute Management & Avoidance in the Energy Sector" course?

Participants gain the ability to spot dispute triggers early, protect contractual rights by meeting notice deadlines, and strengthen claims with proper evidence. They also learn to resolve disagreements at the lowest possible tier, which saves legal cost and preserves long-term commercial relationships.

Q3 What skills will I gain from the "Dispute Management & Avoidance in the Energy Sector" course?

Energy contract interpretation and risk allocation analysis, claims preparation with delay and quantum analysis, notice compliance and time bar management, and mediation and arbitration procedure management.

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Q4 What tools, methods, or standards are covered in the "Dispute Management & Avoidance in the Energy Sector" course?

The course covers FIDIC, LOGIC, and CRINE contract forms, joint operating agreements, extension of time and force majeure clauses, time impact analysis, measured and evaluated quantum methods, dispute adjudication boards, mediation frameworks, and ICC, LCIA, and DIAC arbitration rules under the New York Convention.

Q5 How is the "Dispute Management & Avoidance in the Energy Sector" course applied in real-world practice?

Delegates apply it through notice registers, claims files, contract interpretation opinions, change order control, settlement negotiations, dispute board submissions, and arbitration preparation. They also use it to design early warning systems and run lessons-learned reviews after each resolved dispute.