OIL & GAS LAW



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Introduction

Oil & Gas Law examines the legal framework that governs petroleum exploration, production, transportation, and sale across jurisdictions. This Training Course covers resource ownership, licensing regimes, production sharing, joint operations, and regulatory oversight. Participants study concession and service contract models, environmental and safety duties, and decommissioning obligations. Furthermore, the programme connects statutory frameworks to commercial practice through case review and regulatory analysis. As a result, delegates leave able to advise on petroleum legal questions and support compliant project delivery.

Oil & Gas Law Course Objectives

- Identify the sources of petroleum law and resource ownership principles.
- Compare concession, production sharing, and service contract regimes.
- Apply licensing, award, and regulatory approval procedures.
- Interpret joint operating agreements and partner governance rules.
- Apply health, safety, and environmental obligations to operations.
- Manage decommissioning, abandonment, and site restoration duties.
- Structure fiscal terms, royalties, and tax regimes correctly.
- Apply change in law, stabilisation, and renegotiation provisions.
- Handle regulatory inspections, enforcement, and incident reporting.
- Manage petroleum disputes through expert determination and arbitration.

Course Methodology

- Interactive workshops using real petroleum legal and regulatory cases.
- Structured framework analysis of national petroleum legislation.
- Licensing and approval process simulation exercises.

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- Guided review of environmental and safety compliance obligations.
- Case analysis of petroleum disputes and enforcement decisions.
- Action planning that converts each session into a workplace commitment.

Who Should Take This Course

- Oil and gas lawyers and legal advisors.
- Regulatory affairs and compliance professionals.
- Government energy ministry and regulator staff.
- Commercial and business development managers.
- Joint venture and asset managers.
- HSE and environmental specialists.
- Consultants and advisors to the energy sector.

Oil & Gas Law Course Outlines

Day 1: Foundations of Petroleum Law

- Sources: constitutions, petroleum legislation, regulations, and custom.
- Resource ownership and sovereign rights over hydrocarbons.
- National oil companies and state participation models.
- Licensing rounds, bid criteria, and award procedures.
- Concession agreements and leasehold frameworks.
- Regulatory bodies, mandates, and enforcement powers.
- Local content, employment, and community obligations.

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Day 2: Upstream Legal Frameworks and Joint Operations

- Production sharing contracts and contractor entitlements.
- Risk service and technical service contract structures.
- Joint operating agreements and operator obligations.
- Voting thresholds, deadlock, and reserved matters.
- Farm-in, farm-out, and assignment of interests.
- Unitisation and redetermination procedures.
- Host government approvals and relinquishment rules.

Day 3: Health, Safety, Environment, and Community

- Occupational health and safety duties in petroleum operations.
- Major accident hazard regulation and safety cases.
- Environmental impact assessment and permitting requirements.
- Emissions, flaring, and discharge regulation.
- Oil spill prevention, response, and liability regimes.
- Water use, waste, and biodiversity obligations.
- Community consultation and social licence expectations.

Day 4: Transport, Sale, and Fiscal Regulation

- Pipeline, transportation, and third-party access regimes.
- Processing and treatment agreement frameworks.
- Gas sales and LNG sale and purchase structures.
- Export licensing and customs treatment.

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- Royalty, tax, and production sharing fiscal terms.
- Price regulation, subsidies, and market liberalisation.
- Anti-bribery, sanctions, and export control compliance.

Day 5: Decommissioning, Disputes, and Regulatory Practice

- Decommissioning and abandonment obligations and funding.
- Site restoration, remediation, and residual liability.
- Change in law, stabilisation, and renegotiation provisions.
- Regulatory inspections, notices, and enforcement actions.
- Incident investigation and reporting obligations.
- Expert determination and arbitration under ICC, LCIA, and DIAC.
- Personal action plan and continuous improvement.

Conclusion

By successfully completing Oil & Gas Law, participants will have acquired a practical command of petroleum licensing regimes, joint operation governance, HSE obligations, and fiscal regulation. They will know how to interpret petroleum legislation, manage regulatory approvals, and handle decommissioning and dispute obligations properly. In addition, the course prepares delegates to advise on change in law and enforcement exposure. As a result, they return to work ready to support oil and gas projects with legal confidence. Gentex Training Center delivers this Training Course with a practical, standards-based approach.

FAQs for the Oil & Gas Law course

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Q1 What is the "Oil & Gas Law" course about?

It is a five-day programme that explains the legal framework governing petroleum exploration, production, transport, and sale. It covers resource ownership, licensing regimes, production sharing and service contracts, joint operations, HSE and environmental duties, fiscal terms, decommissioning, and dispute resolution.

Q2 What are the key benefits of the "Oil & Gas Law" course?

Participants gain the ability to interpret petroleum legislation accurately, manage licensing and regulatory approvals properly, and meet HSE and decommissioning obligations with confidence. They also learn to handle change in law, enforcement action, and disputes effectively.

Q3 What skills will I gain from the "Oil & Gas Law" course?

Petroleum legal framework interpretation, licensing and regulatory approval management, joint operating agreement and fiscal term analysis, and HSE, environmental, and decommissioning compliance administration.

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Q4 What tools, methods, or standards are covered in the "Oil & Gas Law" course?

The course covers national petroleum legislation and licensing regulations, concession and production sharing contract frameworks, joint operating agreements with voting thresholds and deadlock rules, unitisation and redetermination procedures, environmental impact assessment and permitting regimes, major accident hazard and safety case requirements, oil spill liability and response frameworks, royalty, tax, and production sharing fiscal terms, local content regulations, decommissioning and site restoration obligations, and ICC, LCIA, and DIAC arbitration rules.

Q5 How is the "Oil & Gas Law" course applied in real-world practice?

Delegates apply it through licence applications and bid submissions, regulatory approval files, legal opinions on petroleum legislation, JOA negotiation and governance papers, HSE compliance reviews, environmental permit applications, decommissioning plans, change in law claims, and arbitration submissions. They also use it to brief management on regulatory exposure and to prepare files for government and regulator review.