

Barge "TEXACO 171"

The vessel is of the single bottom construction clear of the oil tanks. Section 32 of the Rules require cement to be fitted on the bottom in the Boiler Space aft and the cargo hold forward. It appears from the report, however, that cement is not fitted.

The New York Surveyors' attention should be drawn to the above and requested to state whether this is so and, in the affirmative case, to furnish their remarks.

It is concluded that as a cofferdam is not fitted between the oil cargo tanks and the forward cargo hold, this hold will be used exclusively for petroleum products, but the Surveyors should state if this is so.

The Surveyors should also be requested to confirm the date of build of this vessel.

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If cement is not fitted at the parts referred to a note will require to be inserted in the Special Reasons List. "Bottom in boiler space and fore hold to be specially examined at each dry docking (cement omitted)."

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