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RESERVANT MARIN  
REGISTRATION DIVISION

30 September, 1946

To: Commander Twelfth Coast Guard District

Subj: SS HELEN; discharge of oil into the coastal navigable waters of the United States.

1. During a routine check of the docks at Amship, Alameda, J. E. Brooks, CY, USCG discovered oil on subject water in the vicinity.
2. P. G. Ambarcantz, one of the subject ship's officers, was interviewed. He stated that while subject ship was fueling on 23 September, 1946 oil escaped out the vents and into the water. It was estimated that about 5 barrels of oil escaped into subject waters. He attributed the spill of oil to the new engineers unfamiliarity with the fueling system. A generous coating of oil was on the water in the vicinity of Amship Decks.
3. W. F. Combs, BM lc., USCG is also a witness.

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