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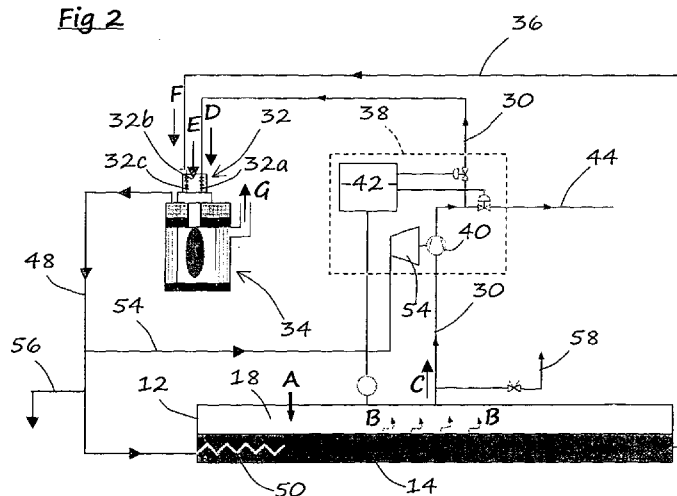
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Fig 2



(57) Abstract: The loading of crude oil into a storage tank (12) at A causes vent gas comprising a mixture of VOC and inert gas to be vented from the tank (12) at C. The vent gas is compressed and delivered at D to a burner (32) of a boiler (34). The burner also receives, at F, a supply of oil (14) as a support fuel to provide stable combustion, the supply of oil (14) being adjusted automatically according to the Wobbe Index and flow rate of the vent gas. Steam generated in the boiler (34) from the burning of the fuels is used to heat the oil (14), to counter waxiness, or for other purposes.