



Lake Carriers' Association

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Shipments Up 22 Percent Over A Year Ago

Great Lakes Coal Trade Starts 2006 On Positive Note

CLEVELAND---Shipments of coal on the Great Lakes totaled 1.9 million tons in January, an increase of 22 percent compared to a year ago. January loadings outperformed the month's 5-year average by even more - 35 percent.

The Lakes coal trade was, as usual, mostly silent in February. Only one port, Conneaut, Ohio, shipped during the month. The dock loaded two cargos totaling 59,822 tons.

Great Lakes Coal Shipments: January 2001-2006 and 5-Year Average
(net tons)

Port	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Average 2001-2005
Superior	345,281	58,948	107,917	442,141	465,598	687,977	351,310
Thunder Bay	0	0	0	85,722	45,319	25,100	26,024
Total - Lake Superior	345,281	58,948	107,917	527,863	510,917	713,077	377,334
Chicago	81,006	103,852	74,184	182,194	241,255	289,810	162,050
Total - Lake Michigan	81,006	103,852	74,184	182,194	241,255	289,810	162,050
Toledo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sandusky	0	0	0	27,420	111,133	115,235	42,298
Ashtabula	319,693	525,957	222,345	379,999	215,882	382,671	341,091
Conneaut	891,972	610,286	298,720	357,576	507,550	442,939	518,174
Total - Lake Erie	1,211,665	1,136,243	521,065	764,995	834,565	940,845	901,563
Total - All Lakes	1,637,952	1,299,043	703,166	1,475,052	1,586,737	1,943,732	1,440,947

Lake Carriers' Association represents 13 American corporations that operate 55 U.S.-Flag vessels on the Great Lakes. These vessels carry the raw materials that drive the nation's economy: Iron ore and fluxstone for the steel industry, limestone and cement for the construction industry, coal for power generation.... Collectively, these vessels transport as much as 125 million tons of cargo a year.

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