

## **2007 SALT TRADE**

There was a noticeable decline in salt shipments in 2007. Loadings slipped to 8.9 million net tons, a decrease of 8.5 percent from 2006. While the drop largely reflects demand, vessel availability issues may also have played a role. Some ships that carry salt were idled for several months by a labor dispute.

### **GREAT LAKES SALT SHIPMENTS CALENDAR YEARS 1998-2007**

(net tons)

<b>CALENDAR YEAR</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
1998 .....	8,766,829
1999 .....	7,016,358
2000 .....	6,093,660
2001 .....	7,671,321
2002 .....	7,287,312
2003 .....	8,506,778
2004 .....	9,239,658
2005 .....	9,255,371
2006 .....	9,726,216
2007 .....	8,892,084
<b>10-YEAR TOTAL .....</b>	<b>82,455,587</b>