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Great Lakes Coal Trade Up 7.2% in June

CLEVELAND—Coal shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 3,874,216 net tons in June, an increase of 21.5 percent over May, and an increase of 7.2 percent compared to a year ago. However, loadings were down 9.6 percent compared to the month's 5-year average.

Shipments from Lake Superior ports were essentially on par with both a year ago and the month's 5-year average. Loadings in Chicago increased by 45 percent compared to a year ago and basically mirrored the month's 5-year average. The coal trade out of Lake Erie increased 15.5 percent compared to a year ago, but was 26 percent off the 5-year average.

Year-to-date coal shipments stand at 10.7 million tons, a decrease of 2 percent compared to a year ago. However, a year ago the total was depressed by the recession. A better measure is the 5-year average for the first half; in that regard, 2010 loadings are 28 percent off the pace.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 18 American companies that operate 55 U.S.-flag vessels on the Great Lakes and 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 can transport more than 115 million tons of cargo per year when high water offsets lack of adequate dredging. More information is available at www.lcaships.com.

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