



Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Coal Trade Up Slightly in November

CLEVELAND—Coal shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 3,326,594 net tons in November, a virtual repeat of October, and a slight increase – 88,000 tons – compared to a year ago. However, loadings were down 9.5 percent compared to November's 5-year average.

Shipments from Lake Superior were essentially unchanged from a year ago, but 9 percent off the month's 5-year average. Loadings in Chicago too were little changed from a year ago, and two boatloads off the month's 5-year average. The coal trade out of Lake Erie largely mirrored a year ago, but was 10 percent off November's 5-year average.

Year-to-date coal shipments stand at 29 million tons, an increase of 5.3 percent compared to a year ago. However, through November, loadings are more than 17 percent (6 million tons) off the 5-year average.

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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