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Lake Carriers' Association

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Shipments Resumed on March 16

Slight Boost in March Lakes Coal Trade

Cleveland---Coal shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 1,250,000 net tons in March, a slight increase compared to both a year ago and the month's 5-year average. The eastern coal trade opened on March 16 with the loading of the *Canadian Transport* in Conneaut, Ohio. The Canadian-Flag laker delivered nearly 30,000 tons to Nanticoke, Ontario. The western coal trade resumed on March 18 with the U.S.-Flag 1,000-footer *James R. Barker* taking on nearly 56,000 tons in Superior, Wisconsin. The cargo was bound for Taconite Harbor, Minnesota.

For the year, the Lakes coal trade totals 2.8 million net tons, an increase of 7 percent compared to the same point in 2004, but almost 20 percent ahead of the pace for the timeframe's 5-year average.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 13 American corporations that operate 56 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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