



Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Coal Trade Up 18 Percent in March

CLEVELAND—Shipments of coal on the Great Lakes totaled 580,419 tons in March, an increase of 18 percent compared to a year ago. However, loadings were nearly 45 percent below the month's 5-year average.

Year-to-date, the Lakes coal trade stands at 1.3 million tons, an increase of 20 percent compared to the same point in 2010. Again, however, shipments lag behind the 5-year average, in this instance, by 42 percent.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 17 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, aggregate 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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