



Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Coal Trade Down 8 Percent in April

CLEVELAND—Shipments of coal on the Great Lakes totaled 2.3 million net tons in April, a decrease of 8 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings fell even further – 31.3 percent – when compared to the month's 5-year average.

A significant reduction in coal cargos to Canada is a major factor in the decline compared to previous years. Two docks that last April collectively shipped 17 coal cargos to Canada loaded but two Canadian-bound cargos this April. The province of Ontario is phasing out the use of coal for power generation. Ontario Regulation 496/07, referred to as *Cessation of Coal Use*, bans the burning of coal as a fuel source at power plants throughout the province after December 31, 2014, and utilities are already transitioning to other fuel sources.

Year-to-date, the Lakes coal trade stands at 3.6 million tons, essentially unchanged from a year ago. However, shipments trail the 5-year average for the January-April timeframe by 35.5 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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