



The Greatest Ships on the Great Lakes

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Only Superior and Chicago Post Noticeable Gains

Lakes Coal Trade Up Marginally in November

CLEVELAND---Shipments of coal on the Great Lakes in November inched passed 4 million net tons, a slight increase compared to a year ago, but a decrease of 7.5 percent compared to the month's 5-year average. Only two loading facilities, Superior Midwest Energy Terminal (SMET) in Superior, Wisconsin, and KCBX in Chicago, registered significant gains. SMET saw its shipments rise 14 percent compared to a year ago; 6 percent compared to its 5-year average. At KCBX, the increases were more than 48 percent by both yardsticks.

For the year, the Lakes coal trade stands at 36.1 million net tons, again, a slight increase over the corresponding point in 2003, but significantly below the 5-year average.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 15 American corporations that operate 57 U.S.-Flag vessels on the Great Lakes. These vessels carry the raw materials that drive the nation's economy: Iron ore for the steel industry, limestone and cement for the construction industry, coal for power generation.... Collectively, these vessels can transport as much as 125 million tons of cargo a year. For more information on Great Lakes shipping, visit LCA's Web site: www.lcaships.com.

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