

## **2007 CEMENT TRADE**

The Great Lakes cement trade declined for the third straight year in 2007. Shipments fell to 4.7 million net tons, a decrease of 2.5 percent from 2006. The trade is dependent on the state of the construction industry, which has been sluggish at best for the past few years.

The dredging crisis continued to impact the cement trade in 2007. The largest cement cargo totaled 15,682 net tons, a decrease of 11.6 percent compared to the current record cargo of 17,740 net tons. That cargo was carried in 1997, when high water levels offset the lack of adequate dredging.

### **GREAT LAKES CEMENT SHIPMENTS CALENDAR YEARS 1998-2007**

(net tons)

CALENDAR YEAR	TOTAL
1998 .....	5,587,004
1999 .....	5,639,981
2000 .....	5,578,697
2001 .....	5,470,198
2002 .....	5,341,759
2003 .....	5,390,169
2004 .....	5,508,635
2005 .....	5,048,817
2006 .....	4,800,056
2007 .....	4,679,483
<b>10-YEAR TOTAL .....</b>	<b>53,044,799</b>