

2006 CEMENT TRADE

For the second year in a row, shipments of cement in U.S.- and Canadian-Flag Lakers designed specifically to discharge the face powder-fine cargo fell noticeably. Shipments totaled 4.8 million net tons, a decrease of 5 percent compared to 2005, and a drop of 10.3 percent from the trade's 5-year average.

The dredging crisis impacted the cement trade in 2006. The largest cement cargo carried in 2006 totaled 15,678 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 1997-2006

(net tons)

CALENDAR YEAR	TOTAL
1997	5,355,448
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
10-YEAR TOTAL	53,720,764