

## **2012 COAL TRADE**

Shipments of coal totaled 25,347,709 tons in 2012, a decrease of 8.2 percent compared to 2011. The trade was 25 percent off its 5-year average.

At 15.1 million tons, shipments from Lake Superior ports were just about even with 2011. Included in that total were 1.3 million tons shipped to Québec City for loading into oceangoing vessels and delivery overseas.

Loadings at Chicago terminals totaled 3.2 million tons, a decrease of 14.5 percent from 2011, but a slight increase over their 5-year average.

Shipments from Lake Erie ports totaled 7 million tons, a decrease of nearly 19 percent compared to 2011.

The impacts of falling water levels and lack of adequate dredging were clearly evident as the year came to a close. The largest coal cargo shipped through the locks at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, in December totaled 62,043 tons. The largest coal cargo passing through the locks during 2012 was 64,706 tons. When near record-high water levels in the late 1990s offset lack of dredging, a U.S.-flag laker was able to carry nearly 71,000 tons in a single trip.

### **GREAT LAKES COAL SHIPMENTS** **2007-2012 AND 5-YEAR AVERAGE** (net tons)

PORT / DOCK	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	AVERAGE 2007-2011
<b>Superior, WI</b>							
Superior Midwest Energy Terminal .	20,375,015	22,354,161	18,227,021	17,967,646	14,285,053	14,258,905	18,641,780
<b>Thunder Bay, ON</b>							
Canadian National.....	1,388,503	1,700,308	945,328	1,184,003	913,099	836,416	1,226,249
<b>TOTAL – LAKE SUPERIOR .....</b>	<b>21,763,518</b>	<b>24,054,469</b>	<b>19,172,349</b>	<b>19,151,649</b>	<b>15,198,152</b>	<b>15,095,321</b>	<b>19,868,029</b>
<b>Chicago, IL</b>							
KCBX Terminals Company.....	2,721,860	2,808,875	1,368,202	1,847,757	2,910,732	2,360,056	2,331,486
Chicago Fuels Terminal.....	839,741	541,857	841,769	761,288	884,713	883,378	773,874
<b>TOTAL – LAKE MICHIGAN.....</b>	<b>3,561,601</b>	<b>3,350,732</b>	<b>2,209,971</b>	<b>2,609,045</b>	<b>3,795,445</b>	<b>3,243,434</b>	<b>3,105,360</b>
<b>Toledo, OH</b>							
CSX.....	3,192,774	3,187,296	3,218,291	4,058,657	3,596,664	2,314,682	3,450,737
<b>Sandusky, OH</b>							
Norfolk Southern.....	3,884,011	3,211,542	1,947,759	3,070,044	2,942,869	3,032,083	3,011,245
<b>Ashtabula, OH</b>							
Norfolk Southern.....	4,347,508	4,640,435	3,242,316	3,092,751	2,082,986	1,662,189	3,481,200
<b>Conneaut, OH</b>							
Bessemer & Lake Erie.....	2,251,985	1,084,189	0	0	0	0	667,235
<b>Buffalo, NY</b>							
Gateway Trade Center .....	259,141	261,827	83,745	0	0	0	120,943
<b>TOTAL – LAKE ERIE .....</b>	<b>13,935,419</b>	<b>12,385,289</b>	<b>8,492,111</b>	<b>10,221,452</b>	<b>8,622,519</b>	<b>7,008,954</b>	<b>10,731,360</b>
<b>TOTAL – ALL LAKES .....</b>	<b>39,260,538</b>	<b>39,790,490</b>	<b>29,874,431</b>	<b>31,982,146</b>	<b>27,616,116</b>	<b>25,347,709</b>	<b>33,704,749</b>