2014 COAL TRADE

Shipments of coal totaled 24.5 million tons in 2014, a slight decrease from 2013. That the trade was able to essentially pull even with 2013 is somewhat remarkable given that the brutal winter slashed shipments by 70 percent in March and 55 percent in April. Even when May registered a slight increase over the year before, the trade was still 23 percent off the previous year's pace.

For the year, loadings from Lake Superior terminals totaled 14.1 million tons, a decrease of 6.2 percent compared to a year ago. Included in that total were 1.6 million tons shipped to Québec City for loading into oceangoing vessels and delivery overseas, a slight increase over 2013's transshipments.

Loadings in Chicago totaled 1.9 million tons, a decrease of 33.9 percent compared to 2013.

Shipments from Lake Erie ports totaled 8.5 million tons, an increase of 26.3 percent compared to 2013. Another positive development was resumption of coal loadings out of Conneaut, Ohio. The dock had last shipped coal in 2008.

GREAT LAKES COAL SHIPMENTS 2009-2014 AND 5-YEAR AVERAGE

(net tons)

PORT / DOCK	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	AVERAGE 2009-2013*
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2009-2013
Superior, WI							
Superior Midwest Energy Terminal	18,227,021	17,967,646	14,285,053	14,258,905	14,368,364	13,609,407	15,219,992
Thunder Bay, ON							
Canadian National	945,328	1,184,003	913,099	836,416	665,590	491,264	899,777
TOTAL – LAKE SUPERIOR	19,172,349	19,151,649	15,198,152	15,095,321	15,033,954	14,100,671	16,119,769
Chicago, IL							
KCBX Terminals Company	1,368,202	1,847,757	2,910,732	2,360,056	2,872,558	1,899,388	2,497,776
Chicago Fuels Terminal**	841,769	761,288	884,713	883,378	0	0	632,345
TOTAL – LAKE MICHIGAN	2,209,971	2,609,045	3,795,445	3,243,434	2,872,558	1,899,388	3,130,121
Toledo, OH							
CSX and Midwest Terminals	3,218,291	4,058,657	3,596,664	2,314,682	2,548,606	3,517,594	3,129,652
Sandusky, OH							
Norfolk Southern	1,947,759	3,070,044	2,942,869	3,032,083	2,816,766	1,987,796	2,965,441
Ashtabula, OH							
Norfolk Southern	3,242,316	3,092,751	2,082,986	1,662,189	1,362,009	2,284,651	2,049,984
Conneaut, OH							
Bessemer & Lake Erie	0	0	0	0	0	705,661	0
Buffalo, NY							
Gateway Trade Center	83,745	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL - LAKE ERIE	8,492,111	10,221,452	8,622,519	7,008,954	6,727,381	8,495,702	8,145,077
TOTAL – ALL LAKES	29,874,431	31,982,146	27,616,116	25,347,709	24,633,893	24,495,761	27,394,966

^{*} Excludes 2009.

^{**} Chicago Fuels Terminal was acquired by KCBX.