



Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Coal Trade Down Almost 25 Percent in July

CLEVELAND—Shipments of coal on the Great Lakes totaled 3.1 million tons in July, an increase of 58,000 tons over June, but a decrease of approximately 25 percent compared to a year ago and the month's 5-year average.

Loadings at Lake Superior ports fell almost 31 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Lake Michigan terminals increased marginally. Loadings at Lake Erie docks slumped almost 20 percent.

Year-to-date, the coal trade stands at 12.7 million tons, a decrease of 14 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments are nearly 29 percent off the 5-year average for the January-July timeframe.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 17 American companies that operate 55 U.S.-flag vessels on the Great Lakes and carry the raw materials that drive the nation's economy: iron ore and fluxstone for the steel industry, aggregate and cement for the construction industry, coal for power generation.... Collectively, these vessels can transport more than 115 million tons of cargo per year when high water offsets lack of adequate dredging. More information is available at www.lcaships.com.

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