



Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Coal Trade Down 10 Percent in November

CLEVELAND—Shipments of coal on the Great Lakes totaled 3 million net tons in November, virtually unchanged from October, but a drop of 10 percent compared to a year ago. The trade slipped even more – 16.7 percent – when compared to the 5-year average for November.

Loadings at Lake Superior ports fell to 1.6 million tons, a decrease of 15.7 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Lake Michigan terminals rose 36 percent. Loadings at Lake Erie docks fell by 12.7 percent.

Year-to-date, the coal trade stands at 25.1 million tons, a decrease of 13.6 percent compared to a year ago, and substantially more, 24.1 percent, when compared to the 5-year average for the January-November timeframe.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 17 American companies that operate 56 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. Those cargos support more than 103,000 jobs with an average wage of \$47,000. More information is available at www.lcaships.com.

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