



Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Coal Trade Down 3.5 Percent in November

CLEVELAND – Shipments of coal on the Great Lakes totaled 2.9 million tons in November, an increase of 6.2 percent compared to October, but a drop of 3.5 percent compared to a year ago.

Compared to the month's 5-year average, loadings were down 15.1 percent.

Loadings at Lake Superior ports rose by 12 percent, but shipments from Lake Michigan and Lake Erie terminals decreased by 10 and 24.5 percent respectively.

Overseas shipments from Superior, Wisconsin, resumed in November and totaled 79,480 tons.

Year-to-date the Lakes coal trade stands at 23.1 million tons, a decrease of 8 percent compared to a year ago, and a drop of nearly 25 percent compared to the 5-year average for the January-November timeframe.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 17 American companies that operate 57 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, as well as salt, sand and grain. Collectively, these vessels can transport more than 115 million tons of cargo per year. 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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