



Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Coal Trade Down 11.3 Percent in May

CLEVELAND – Shipments of coal on the Great Lakes totaled 2.6 million tons in May, a decrease of 11.3 percent compared to a year ago.

Shipments from Lake Superior ports totaled 1.6 million tons, just slightly below the level of a year ago. Included in that total were 250,000 tons loaded in Superior, Wisconsin, and transshipped to Québec City for loading into oceangoing colliers. Exports to Europe from Superior total 536,000 tons through May.

Loadings in Chicago totaled 300,000 tons, a decrease of approximately 75,000 tons compared to a year ago.

Shipments from Lake Erie ports totaled 650,000 tons, a decrease of 25 percent compared to a year ago.

Year-to-date the Lakes coal trade stands at 5.4 million tons, a decrease of 13.5 percent compared to a year ago.

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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