



Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Coal Trade Up 7.3 Percent in July

Second Straight Month Trade Rises

CLEVELAND – Shipments of coal on the Great Lakes totaled 2.9 million tons in July, an increase of 2.5 percent over June, and an increase of 7.3 percent compared to a year ago.

Shipments from Lake Superior ports totaled 1.8 million tons, an increase of 16.1 percent compared to a year ago. Included in that total were 215,000 tons loaded in Superior, Wisconsin, and transshipped to Québec City for loading into oceangoing colliers. Exports to Europe from Superior total 844,000 tons through July.

Loadings in Chicago totaled 319,000 tons, a decrease of 33 percent compared to a year ago.

Shipments from Lake Erie ports totaled 758,000 tons, an increase of 15.2 percent compared to a year ago.

Year-to-date the Lakes coal trade stands at 11.1 million tons, a decrease of 3 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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