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Great Lakes Coal Trade Up 11-Plus Percent in August

Third Straight Month Trade Increases over Last Year

CLEVELAND – Shipments of coal on the Great Lakes totaled 3.2 million tons in August, an increase of 9.9 percent over July, and an increase of 11.1 percent compared to a year ago.

Shipments from Lake Superior ports totaled 2.1 million tons, an increase of 31.4 percent compared to a year ago. Included in that total were 313,000 tons loaded in Superior, Wisconsin, and transshipped to Québec City for loading into oceangoing colliers. Exports to Europe from Superior total 1,157,000 tons through August.

Loadings in Chicago totaled 296,000 tons, a decrease of 22 percent compared to a year ago.

Shipments from Lake Erie ports totaled 752,000 tons, a decrease of 12.5 percent compared to a year ago.

Year-to-date the Lakes coal trade stands at 14.3 million tons, a decrease of 1 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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