



Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Coal Trade Down 7.3 Percent in November

CLEVELAND – Shipments of coal on the Great Lakes totaled 2.7 million tons in November, a decrease of 7.3 percent compared to a year ago, and well below – 35.2 percent – the month's long-term average. Shipments were also 4.1 percent less than October's tally of 2.8 million tons.

Shipments from Lake Superior ports totaled 1.6 million tons, a decrease of 9.2 percent compared to a year ago. Coal transhipped from Superior, Wisconsin, to Québec City, Québec, for loading into oceangoing colliers totaled 129,000 tons. Exports to Europe from Superior total 1,504,000 tons through November. In 2012, Superior's overseas exports for the same period totaled 1,252,000 tons.

Loadings in Chicago totaled 314,000 tons, a decrease of 11.6 percent compared to a year ago.

Shipments from Lake Erie ports totaled 771,000 tons, a virtual repeat of a year ago.

Year-to-date the Lakes coal trade stands at 22.4 million tons, a decrease of 2.7 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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