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Iron Ore Trade Down 17.6 Percent in May

CLEVELAND – Shipments of iron ore from U.S. Great Lakes ports totaled 4.9 million tons in May, a decrease of 17.6 percent compared to a year ago, and 14.9 percent below the month's 5-year average.

Year-to-date the iron ore trade stands at 13.2 million tons, a decrease of 8.9 percent compared to the same point in 2019. Iron ore shipments are also 6.9 percent below their 5-year average for five months of the year.

Since 1880, Lake Carriers' has represented the U.S.-flag Great Lakes fleet, which today can move more than 90 million tons of cargos annually that are the foundation of American industry, infrastructure, and power: iron ore, stone, coal, cement, and other dry bulk materials such as grain, salt, and sand. More information is available at www.lcaships.com.

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