

Port of Green Bay is Part of Pipeline Shutdown Solution

Port may stay open through next winter

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(Green Bay, WI) While the only fuel pipeline between Milwaukee and Green Bay has been shut down indefinitely due to repair issues, and may need to be reconstructed, petroleum products are still reaching Green Bay, Northeast Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Not only are petroleum products arriving by truck, they are also reaching the market through the Port of Green Bay.

Prior to the closure of the pipeline, the Port of Green Bay was exporting petroleum products to the east coast of the United States and to Canada. As a result of the pipeline closure, the Port of Green Bay is now importing diesel and gasoline to supply our market. "The Port's ability to handle petroleum products is a key piece in the current supply chain," explains Port Director Dean Haen.

Ships and barges are being used to transport anywhere from 35,000 to 100,000 barrels of petroleum products with every delivery. With the pipeline shutdown, the Port will be discussing and evaluating with the U.S. Coast Guard, and the State of Wisconsin, the possibility of keeping the Port open throughout this next winter to help meet our regional demand for petroleum products.

Haen added, "People often forget that over-the-road transportation isn't the only way goods get to market. In a situation like this, we are able to be part of the solution in making sure business, industry and residents have the fuel supplies they need to live and work. And, an added benefit of shipping products is that water transportation is less expensive than trucking. It's helping hold down local fuel prices for everyone."

The Port of Green Bay imported/exported 1.9 million tons of cargo in 2015 and has 14 active terminal operators involved in shipping commodities:

- ACE Marine, LLC
- C. Reiss Coal Company
- Construction Resources Management
- Flint Hills Resources
- Fox River Dock Company
- Georgia-Pacific Corporation
- Graymont
- GLC Minerals, LLC
- KK Integrated Logistics, Inc.
- Lafarge North America
- RGL
- Sanimax
- St. Mary's Cement Company
- U.S. Venture, Inc.

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