



## HIGH WATER LEVELS, MILD TEMPERATURES ARE GOOD NEWS FOR PORT

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**(Green Bay)** – Higher water levels mean vessels traveling through the Great Lakes are able to carry more cargo.

“That’s good news for the Port of Green Bay and other ports on the Great Lakes that are still moving cargo this time of year,” said Dean Haen, Director for the Brown County Port & Resource Recovery department. “When water levels are this high, ships can carry 6 percent additional cargo resulting in increased efficiencies.”

A recent report from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers indicates that the Lake Michigan water level has only dipped an inch from where it was a year ago. While it is common for water levels to go down this time of year, El Nino has helped minimize the decrease. Milder fall temperatures may have slowed evaporation rates as well, keeping water levels high.

Although higher water levels are always good news for shipping, the real indicator on when the season will end is the colder temperatures. “The end to the shipping season comes once we get into colder weather and the waterways freeze over,” Haen commented. “Right now, we are experiencing moderate weather which has kept cargo moving on the port. If the weather keeps up, we could be moving cargo until the end of December, which will help meet our yearly tonnage goal.”

Haen adds that waterborne transportation is still the most economical and safest form of transportation for bulk raw materials. Through October, the Port of Green Bay has moved about 1.6 million metric tons of cargo, primarily imports of cement, coal, limestone and salt as well as exports of petroleum products.

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