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## PORT SHIPPING SEASON TOPS TONNAGE GOAL

*Officials are optimistic about 2015*

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**(Green Bay)** – It was another successful year for the [Port of Green Bay](#). The Port closed the 2014 shipping season surpassing its goal of 2 million metric tons of cargo, edging out 2013 totals. Overall, a total of 2.3 million metric tons of material were imported and exported during the shipping season, an increase of 3 percent from 2013.

Reaching beyond the 2 million mark in tonnage was accomplished by several significant material increases. “Shipments of petroleum coke increased by 130 percent; its highest level in 15 years,” said Dean Haen, Port and Resource Recovery director. “Limestone tonnage also increased for the third consecutive year and surpassed 700,000 metric tons for the second time in Port history.”

Haen says that while seeing increased numbers is always good, the successful season makes an even more important statement. “This shows that using waterborne transportation continues to be a valuable asset to businesses,” Haen said. “Businesses are looking for transportation options that are safe, fast and cost effective and the Port of Green Bay has been able to demonstrate that time and again.”

Other successes of the 2014 season include a 46 percent increase in shipping petroleum products including ethanol, diesel and gasoline, continuing the growth of terminal operator U.S. Venture’s waterborne transportation business. In addition, the Port also handled the natural gas boiler for Georgia-Pacific in December, one of the more unique movements of project cargo carried for the Port of Green Bay.

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The 2014 shipping season saw many accomplishments for the Port and Haen says he's optimistic about what 2015 will bring. "The economy is gaining strength every day so I'm confident we will again be able to hit our 2 million tonnage goal," Haen said. "That being said, we do anticipate coal movements to decrease by 24 - 40 percent due in part to Georgia-Pacific's new boiler which runs on natural gas, not traditional coal. But we also saw new cargo this year like sand and aluminum components so I'm confident we will find that balance to remain strong."

Overall, Haen says our area is fortunate to have a port that can help businesses thrive, support hundreds of jobs and impact the area economy. "We can offer businesses a competitive edge when it comes to transportation needs that other cities can't because of the Port," Haen said. "I'm confident the Port will remain a valuable resource because it can meet today's market demands and has potential to draw new business to the area."

The Port of Green Bay has 15 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
- Great Lakes Calcium Corporation
- KK Integrated Logistics, Inc.
- Lafarge North America
- Noble Petro Inc
- RGL
- Sanimax
- St. Mary's Cement Company
- US Venture

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