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Year-to-date tonnage decreases; but season's not over yet

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(Green Bay, WI) – Despite increased shipments of coal and salt, November tonnage for the Port of Green Bay was approximately 140,300 metric tons, a marked decrease from November 2016. Year-to-date tonnage is down 7 percent.

The decline can be mostly attributed to a year-over-year drop in petroleum product imports and limestone imports. Salt and coal imports are up 41 percent and 36 percent respectively, compared to this time period last year.

"While November has not been the strongest month of the season, overall year-to-date tonnage is still in the average range." explained Port Director Dean Haen. "And the season will continue as long as there is clear passage through the waterways."

There is a possibility of ice breaking to occur as it did in 2016 to move petroleum products to Green Bay since the main pipeline between Milwaukee and Green Bay has shut down indefinitely. The U.S. Coast Guard will make that announcement if ice breaking becomes necessary.

So far this year, 145 ships have come through the Port, which is four less than the same time last year. Haen says that's to be expected because water levels are still higher than usual. "Deep water allows a single ship to carry more tonnage than usual, decreasing the number of ships needed."

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The Port of Green Bay imported/exported 1.8 million tons of cargo in 2016, 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
- US Venture

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