

MERC COAL LOADINGS FROM JULY 1 THROUGH JULY 27

In the week ending July 27, 2003 the Midwest Energy Resources Co. (MERC) received 31 trains delivering 446,736 net tons of low sulfur Powder River Basin coal at its Superior, WI terminal. A total of 12 lakers loaded 578,387 net tons of coal during the week and 5,648 net tons left the MERC by truck.

Vessel	Date
Indiana Harbor	7/21
Algolake	7/21
James R. Barker	7/21
Canadian Olympic	7/22
St. Clair	7/22
Columbia Star	7/22
Walter J. McCarthy	7/23
Canadian Transport	7/25
Paul R. Tregurtha	7/25
Canadian Progress	7/26
Oglebay Norton	7/27
St. Clair	7/27

For the year 2003 through July 27, the MERC has loaded 7,903,993 net tons, compared with 8,164,867 net tons in the corresponding period in 2002.

The MERC's stockpile of western coal on July 27 totaled 3,157,884 net tons.

Tonnage	Destination
64,333	Nanticoke
30,096	Nanticoke
57,560	Taconite Harbor
29,668	Nanticoke
40,729	St. Clair
64,192	Nanticoke
63,152	Cobb
30,607	Nanticoke
62,490	St. Clair
30,159	Nanticoke
64,831	St. Clair
40,570	Nanticoke

In the week ending July 20, 2003, the MERC received 28 trains with 400,358 net tons of Powder River Basin coal. A total of 11 Great Lakes vessels loaded 568,333 net tons of coal during the week and 8,132 net tons went out by truck.

Vessel	Date
Paul R. Tregurtha	7/14
Columbia Star	7/14
Indiana Harbor	7/15
Algolake	7/15
Canadian Progress	7/15
Canadian Transport	7/16
Walter J. McCarthy	7/16
Walter J. McCarthy	7/16
Canadian Enterprise	7/18
Oglebay Norton	7/19
Paul R. Tregurtha	7/19
Oglebay Norton	7/20
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For the year 2003 through July 20, the MERC has loaded 7,319,959 net tons of coal, compared with 7,724,045 net tons loaded in the corresponding period in 2002.

The stockpile of coal remaining at the MERC on July 20 totaled 3,295,183 net tons.

Tonnage	Destination
62,716	St. Clair
64,063	Nanticoke
64,407	St. Clair
30,001	Nanticoke
30,336	Nanticoke
30,678	Nanticoke
29,673	Karn-Weadock
34,126	St. Clair
28,482	Nanticoke
68,063	Silver Bay
62,343	St. Clair
28,162	Monroe
35,283	St. Clair

During the week ending July 13, 2003, the MERC received 26 trains delivering 375,554.60 net tons of coal. A total of ten lakers loaded 557,458 net tons of coal during the week and 11,760.39 net tons went out by truck.

For the year 2003 through July 13, the MERC

Vessel	Date
Columbia Star	7/07
Oglebay Norton	7/07
Paul R. Tregurtha	7/08
Indiana Harbor	7/08
James R. Barker	7/09
Canadian Transport	7/09
Mesabi Miner	7/09
Walter J. McCarthy	7/10
Walter J. McCarthy	7/10
Algolake	7/11
Oglebay Norton	7/13

has shipped 6,743,493 net tons of coal, compared with 6,911,635 net tons shipped in the corresponding period in 2002.

The stockpile of coal remaining at the facility on July 13 totaled 3,470,133 net tons.

Tonnage	Destination
64,198	Nanticoke
64,181	St. Clair
62,677	St. Clair
62,198	Cobb
57,687	Presque Isle Station
30,389	Nanticoke
57,675	St. Clair
29,521	Monroe
35,020	St. Clair
30,034	Nanticoke
63,878	St. Clair

During the week ending July 6, 2003, the MERC received 25 trains delivering 362,103 net tons of Powder River Basin coal at its Superior, WI facility. A total of seven lakers loaded 324,190 net tons of coal and 95.39 net tons went out by truck during the week.

Vessel	Date
Paul R. Tregurtha	7/01
James R. Barker	7/02
Indiana Harbor	7/02
Canadian Enterprise	7/03
Walter J. McCarthy	7/03
Walter J. McCarthy	7/04
Kaye E. Barker	7/05
Canadian Olympic	7/06

For the year 2003 through July 6, the MERC has loaded 6,174,300 net tons of coal, compared with 6,390,264 net tons in the corresponding period in 2002.

The stockpile of coal on July 6 totaled 3,663,772 net tons

Tonnage	Destination
62,322	Nanticoke
57,586	St. Clair Power Plant
64,040	St. Clair Power Plant
30,433	Nanticoke
29,572	Karn-Weadock
34,097	St. Clair Power Plant
16,464	Shiras
29,676	Nanticoke

Mv. Algosoo

By Patrick Lapinski

The Twin Ports has always been known for its own brand of "natural" Lake Superior air conditioning. After several scorching days on the lower lakes a cool, rainy day was a welcome relief to the crew of the *Algosoo* as they arrived at Superior's Midwest Energy Terminal in late June to load coal for Nanticoke. The motor vessel *Algosoo* is owned by Algoma Central, Sault Ste. Marie, ON and is managed by Seaway Marine Transport of St. Catharines, ON.

High above the deck in the ship's pilot house, the vessel is operated under the watchful eye of Captain E. B. Sevor, master of the *Algosoo*. With youthful exuberance Captain Sevor recalled his decision to leave his native home of Ghana, West Africa, as a simple dream. "I wanted to see the world!" explained the captain. After 36 years sailing the world's oceans and now the Great Lakes continues to be a rich and satisfying career for Captain Sevor, now working his 26th season for Algoma Central.

The *Algosoo* was built in 1974 at Collingwood, ON, and is noted for being the last Great Lakes vessel built following the "traditional" design of having deck cabins both forward and aft. Coal is the most common cargo for the *Algosoo*, with occasional shipments of iron ore and salt spread out during the



Captain E. B. Sevor



season. The normal trade routes find the *Algosoo* hauling coal from Superior, WI and Conneaut, or Ashtabula, OH, to Nanticoke, or from Toledo or Sandusky, OH to Hamilton, ON.

Many of the crew aboard the *Algosoo* are natives of the Canadian maritime provinces, where sail-

ing is a long-standing tradition. The *Algosoo* could easily be considered a second home for Ron Quirk of Nova Scotia. Ron, an AB wheelsman, began his career with Algoma Central in 1971 aboard the *Sir Denys Lawson*. The 2003 shipping season marks Ron's fifteenth season aboard the *Algosoo*.

Almost immediately upon arrival the *Algosoo* commenced loading its 28,000-plus tons of low sulfur coal consigned for Ontario Power Generation's Nanticoke plant on Lake Erie. Ontario Power Generation is one of the largest customers for Midwest Energy. The generating station at Nanticoke is one of the largest coal-fired thermal generating stations in North America. The plant's generating units produce 4,000 MW of power, "enough electricity to run nearly 2.5 million households for a full year" [Nanticoke Generating Station, Ontario Power Generation. <http://www.opg.com>].

For Superior's Midwest Energy Resources Co. the year 2002 was a record setting one with 18,456,276 tons of coal shipped from its Superior terminal. Included in the parade of statistics was a record 365 vessels loaded, neatly averaging to one per day for the entire year; an impressive amount for a shipping dock that shuts down for roughly three months out of every year because of winter ice formation in the harbor. **SMR**

BNSF Pellet Loadings from June 30 through July 27

Week ending July 27

In the week ending July 27, 2003, Burlington Northern Santa Fe loaded 187,866 gross tons of iron ore pellets into four Great Lakes vessels at

its Allouez taconite facility dock No. 5 in Superior, WI.

Vessel	Date	Tonnage	Destination
Stewart J. Cort	7/21	53,145	Burns Harbor
Burns Harbor	7/24	56,954	Burns Harbor
Frontenac	7/25	24,183	Hamilton
Stewart J. Cort	7/27	53,584	Burns Harbor

Week ending July 18

During the week ending July 20, 2003, Burlington Northern Santa Fe loaded 133,792

gross tons of iron ore pellets into three Great Lakes vessels as follows:

Vessel	Date	Tonnage	Destination
Stewart J. Cort	7/15	52,863	Burns Harbor
Reserve	7/16	24,254	Indiana Harbor
Burns Harbor	7/18	56,675	Burns Harbor

Week ending July 13

During the week ending July 13, 2003, Burlington Northern Santa Fe loaded 210,805

gross tons of iron ore pellets into six lakers as follows:

Vessel	Date	Tonnage	Destination
Halifax	7/08	22,691	Hamilton
Stewart J. Cort	7/09	53,100	Burns Harbor
Philip R. Clarke	7/10	23,786	Detroit
CSL Tadoussac	7/11	22,683	Hamilton
Burns Harbor	7/11	56,166	Burns Harbor
Great Lakes Trader	7/12	32,379	Indiana Harbor

Week ending July 6

During the week ending July 6, 2003, Burlington Northern Santa Fe loaded 147,535

gross tons of taconite pellets into five Great Lakes vessels at Allouez in Superior, WI.

Vessel	Date	Tonnage	Destination
CSL Tadoussac	6/30	26,617	Hamilton
Stewart J. Cort	7/03	52,462	Burns Harbor
Joseph H. Thompson	7/04	19,557	Huron
Reserve	7/04	23,851	Indiana Harbor
Adam E. Cornelius	7/05	25,048	Indiana Harbor



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