

MoDOT Minute – March 29, 2010

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

Cargo has begun being shipped on the Missouri River with expectations for the biggest shipping season in a decade. The official start of the shipping season is April 1, but water levels have been high enough for some companies to start shipping early. Last year, about 334,000 tons of goods - the equivalent of 13,000 tractor truck loads - was shipped on the Missouri River, a 24 percent increase from the year before.

April is the month for the annual No MORE Trash! Bash aimed at getting people to clean up litter from Missouri's roadsides, parks, rivers and streams. Last year, more than 12,000 volunteers collected 128,000 bags of trash. Visit [www.nomoretrash.org](http://www.nomoretrash.org) for more information.

University of Missouri Professor Erik Loehr is the recipient of the Innovative Researcher Achievement Award. Loehr worked with MoDOT to develop a less costly way to design bridge foundations and earth slopes.

That's been your MoDOT Minute. Remember to check back every week for new information.