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APRIL STEEL SHIPMENTS DOWN 9.3 PERCENT FROM MARCH
Up 7.8 percent Year to Date

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported today that for the month of April 2011, U.S. steel mills shipped 7,258,534 net tons, a 9.3 percent decrease from the 8,006,016 net tons shipped in the previous month, March 2011, and a 2.8 percent increase from the 7,057,660 net tons shipped in April 2010. Shipments year-to-date in 2011 are 29,760,685 a 7.8 percent increase vs. 2010 shipments of 27,575,482 for four months. 2011 shipments through April would annualize at 89 million tons.

A month-to-month comparison of shipments shows the following changes: hot dipped galvanized sheet and strip, down 6 percent, hot rolled sheet, down 11 percent, and cold rolled sheet, down 15 percent.

AISI serves as the voice of the North American steel industry in the public policy arena and advances the case for steel in the marketplace as the preferred material of choice. AISI also plays a lead role in the development and application of new steels and steelmaking technology. AISI is comprised of 25 member companies, including integrated and electric furnace steelmakers, and 118 associate and affiliate members who are suppliers to or customers of the steel industry. AISI's member companies represent approximately 80 percent of both U.S. and North American steel capacity. For more news about steel and its applications, view AISI's Web site at www.steel.org.