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**MARCH STEEL SHIPMENTS UP 14.9 PERCENT FROM FEBRUARY**  
***Up 9.6 percent Year to Date***

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported today that for the month of March 2011, U.S. steel mills shipped 8,006,015 net tons, a 14.9 percent increase from the 6,967,481 net tons shipped in the previous month, February 2011, and a 4.7 percent increase from the 7,646,938 net tons shipped in March 2010. Shipments year-to-date in 2011 are 22,502,151 a 9.6 percent increase vs. 2010 shipments of 20,537,822 for three months. 2011 shipments through March would annualize at 90 million tons.

A month-to-month comparison of shipments shows the following changes: hot dipped galvanized sheet and strip, up 19 percent, hot rolled sheet, up 14 percent, and cold rolled sheet, up 13 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](http://www.steel.org).