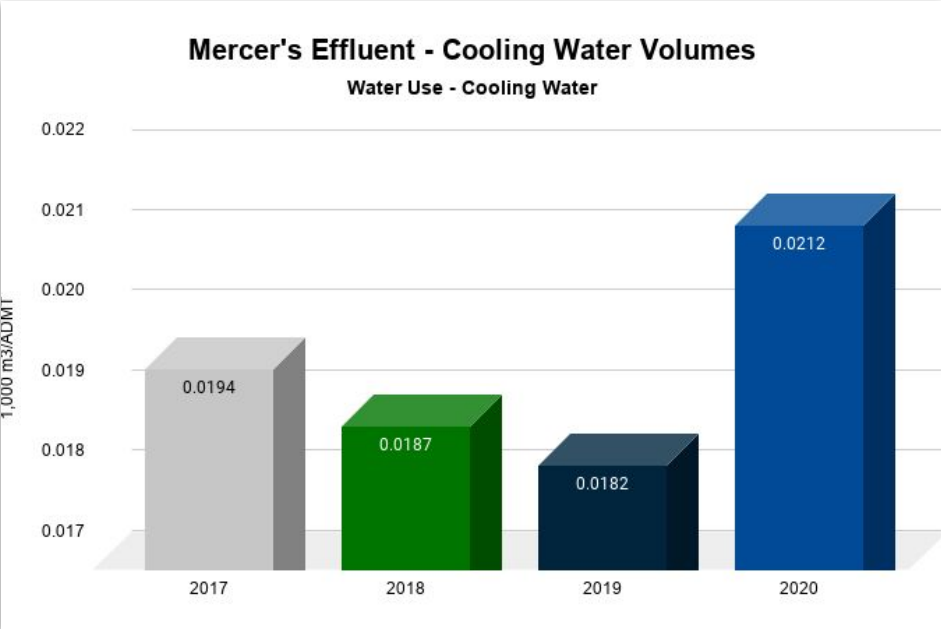


Mercer's Effluent - Cooling Water Volumes



Mercer's cooling water volumes have increased at the Peace River mill in 2020. Cooling water is necessary to ensure safe and efficient power generation from the condensing turbines at the pulp mills.

The Peace River and Celgar mills are investigating operating strategies and capital solutions that will reduce the cooling water requirements and reduce the temperature of the water that is returned to the river to minimize environmental impact.