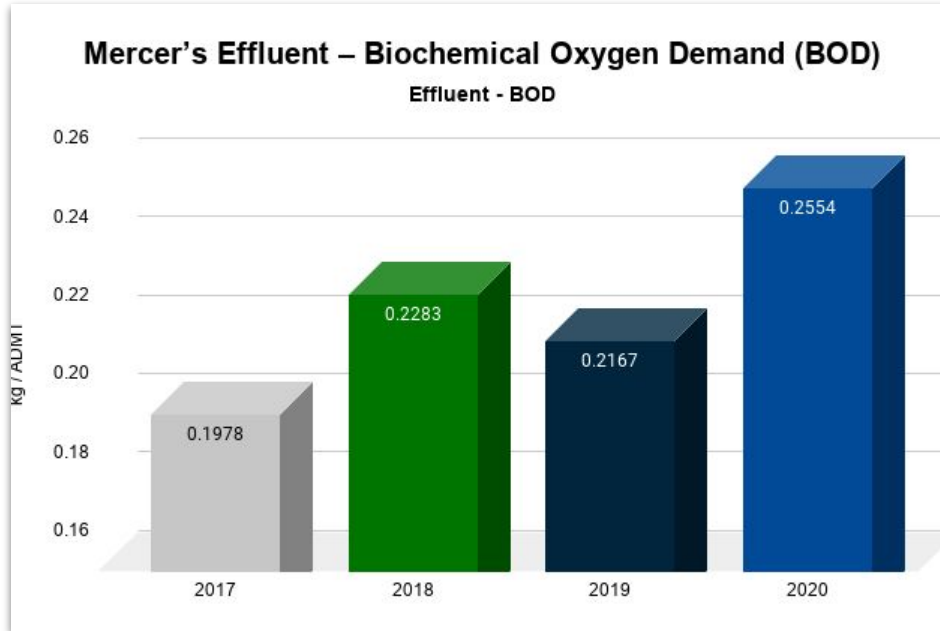


Mercer's Effluent - Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)



The Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) load per tonne of bleached chemical pulp, similar to COD, is an indicator of process control as well as the efficiency of the biological effluent treatment system.

BOD of wastewater effluents is used to indicate the short-term impact on the oxygen levels of the receiving water.

The Mercer operations experienced an 18% increase in 2020.