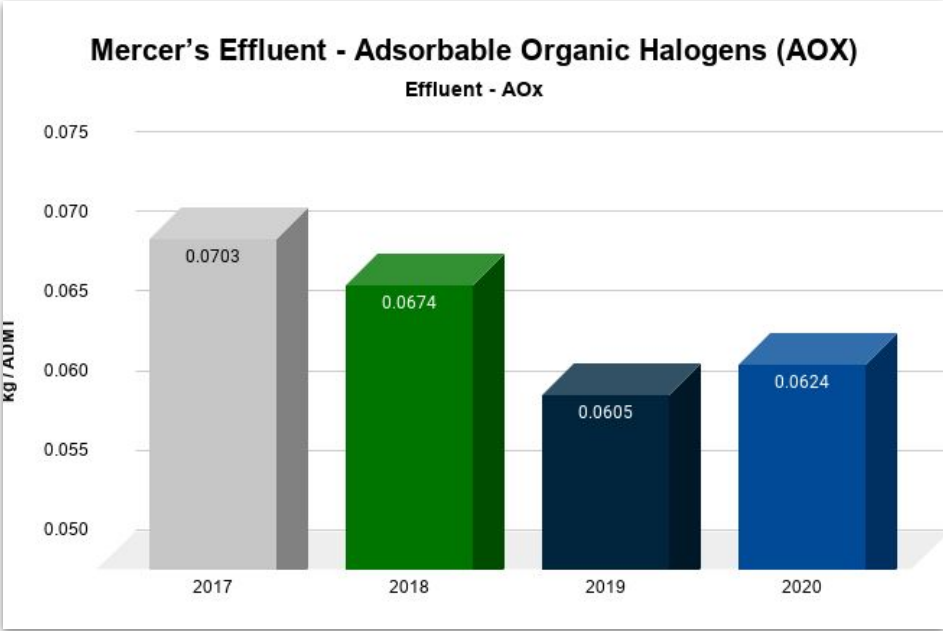


Mercer's Effluent - Adsorbable Organic Halogens (AOX)



Mercer's AOX load per tonne of bleached chemical pulp indicates the number of halogens bound to the organic compounds present in the effluent.

The AOX per tonne of pulp has decreased by 11% over the past four years although the Mercer combined operations experience a 3% increase in 2020.