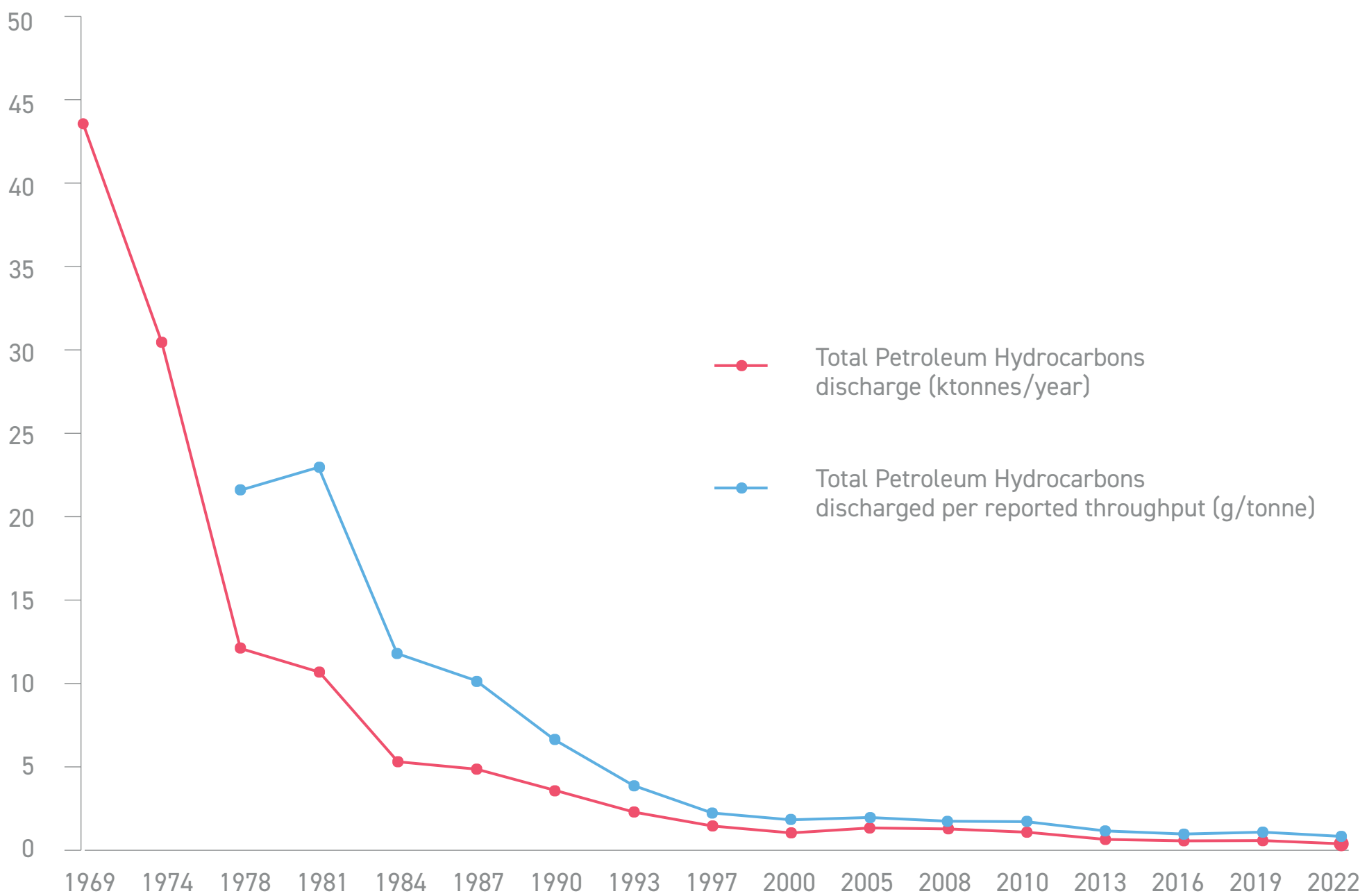


QUALITY OF REFINERY WATER EFFLUENT: OIL DISCHARGED IN WATER

Source: Concawe



EU refineries have significantly improved the quality of refinery water effluent in the last decades. The amount of Total Petroleum Hyrdrocarbons (TPH) discharged in effluents from reporting installations continued to decrease to extremelly low levels relative to pre-1990; both in terms of the absolute amount of TPH discharged and the amount expressed relative to the volume of feedstock processed (throughput) and the refining capacity of the installations.