

**Best Practices Score  
Newhalen  
FALL 2019**

Category	O&M Scoring Criteria	Possible	Score	Explanation of Score	How to Improve Score	Contact	
Technical	<b>Operator Certification</b>	Utility has more than one operator certified to the level of the water system	10	5	System Classification: Small Untreated Primary Operator: <i>Nick Johnson</i> Certification Level: <i>Small Untreated</i> Backup Operator: <i>David Askoak</i> Certification Level: <i>Operator holds no current certification</i>	Nick Johnson has the CEU and needs to renew his certificate now. David Asokak and John Tretikoff need to take and pass the Small Untreated exam. Please see the enclosed flier with more information about certification.	ADEC Operator Certification Program 465-1139
		Primary operator is certified to the level of the water system and the backup operator holds some level of certification in water treatment or distribution	7				
		Primary operator is certified to the level of the water system and the backup operator holds no certification or there is no backup operator	5				
		Utility has one or more operators certified at some level in water treatment or distribution	3				
		Utility has no certified operators	0				
	<b>Preventive Maintenance Plan</b>	Utility has a written PM plan; PM is performed on schedule; records of completion are submitted on a quarterly basis and have been verified	25	25	The operator is performing important maintenance on a regular basis and keeping records. Each quarter, the operator is submitting maintenance records to the assigned RMW.	Full points have been awarded in this category. Continue to perform maintenance according to the PM plan and send monthly records to the assigned RMW.	Theo Graber ADEC RMW 269-7571
		Utility has a written PM plan; performance of PM and record keeping are not consistent	15				
		Utility has no PM plan or performs no PM	0				
	<b>Compliance</b>	Utility had no Monitoring and Reporting violations during the past year	10	5	The utility had 1 Drinking Water Monitoring and Reporting violations in 2018.	The Drinking Water Program provides you with an Annual Monitoring Summary with all of the required samples for your water system. All samples and reports must be collected and submitted in a timely manner.	Leah Vansandt ADEC Drinking Water Program 269-7653
		Utility had up to five Monitoring and Reporting violation during the past year	5				
Utility had more than five Monitoring and Reporting violation during the last year		0					
Managerial	<b>Utility Management Training</b>	A person who holds a position of responsibility for management of the utility has completed a DCRA approved Utility Management course or other utility management training course within the last five years	5	5	Gladys Askoak attended Clerks training on 11/02/2015.	To maintain the full points in this category, consider sending someone to one of the free RUBA trainings each year.	Jane Sullivan DCRA RUBA Program 269-4614
	<b>Meetings of the Governing Body</b>	The utility owner's governing body meets routinely consistent with the local ordinance/bylaw requirements and receives a current report from the operator	5	5	Meeting minutes were provided for December 2018, January, February and May 2019. Water reports are included in the meeting minutes.	To maintain full points, the governing body must continue to meet according to ordinance and provide RUBA with meeting minutes.	
		The utility owner's governing body meets routinely consistent with the local ordinance/bylaw requirements	2				
The utility owner's governing body does not meet		0					
Financial	<b>Budget</b>	Utility owner and the Utility have each adopted a realistic budget and budget amendments are adopted as needed; Accurate monthly budget reports are prepared and submitted to the governing body	15	13	A monthly budget is provided to RUBA from ARUC. However, there is no indication the city council is reviewing the monthly financial reports.	Provide RUBA with monthly financial reports and meeting minutes that demonstrate the council is reviewing the monthly financial reports.	
		Either the Utility or the Utility owner has adopted and implemented a budget, the other has not	13				
		Either the Utility or the Utility owner has adopted a budget, but it is not being implemented	10				
		Utility owner and the Utility have not adopted a budget	0				
	<b>Revenue</b>	Utility is collecting revenue sufficient to cover the Utility's operating expenses and to contribute to a repair and replacement account	20	15	ARUC reports they are 'not intentionally spending reserves'. There are inadequate funds for Repair and Replacement Reserves.	To receive additional points, the utility must establish a utility repair and replacement account and make regular contributions to be prepared for future needs.	
		Utility is collecting revenue sufficient to cover expenses	15				
		Utility has a fee schedule and a collection policy that is followed	5				
		Utility has no fee structure or collection policy	0				
	<b>Worker's Compensation Insurance</b>	Utility has had a worker's compensation policy for all employees for the past two years and has a current policy in place	5	5	RUBA has verified that the utility has had a current Worker's Compensation Policy in place for all employees for at least two years.	Full points have been awarded. Maintain active Worker's Compensation policy to continue receiving these points.	
		Utility has a current worker's compensation policy in place for all employees	2				
Utility has no worker's compensation policy		0					
<b>Payroll Liability Compliance</b>	Utility has no past due tax liabilities and is current with all tax obligations	5	0	Employment Security Tax liability is current. On July 5, 2019 the IRS reported the city owes federal taxes for periods ending 12-31-2018 and 3-31-2019. Reporting is incomplete for tax periods; 12-31-2017 and 03-31-2018.	To receive additional points in this category, the utility must either become current on all outstanding tax liabilities, or must enter into a repayment agreement for outstanding tax liability, and remain current on payments.		
	Utility owes back taxes, but has a signed payment agreement, is current on that agreement, and is up-to-date with all other tax obligations	2					
	Utility is not current with its tax obligations and/or does not have a signed repayment agreement for back taxes owed	0					
CIP O&M Score	18	SDS O&M Score	12	TOTAL SCORE	78		