

Best Practices Score  
Kiana  
Spring 2024

Category		O&M Scoring Criteria		Possible	Score	Explanation of Score	How to Improve Score	Contact
Technical	Operator Certification	Utility has more than one operator certified to the level of the water system		10	7	System Classification: Water Treatment 1 Primary Operator: <i>Darrell Brown</i> Certification Level: <i>WT 1</i> Backup Operator: <i>Kevin Black</i> Certification Level: <i>Small Treated</i>  Darrell Brown is certified at the correct level. Kevin Black holds certification but not at the correct level. Jonathan Westlake and Fred Luther hold no certification.	Darrell Brown needs 3.0 CEUs by 12/31/24 to renew in 2024. Kevin Black needs 1.0 CEU by 12/31/2025 to renew in 2025 and needs to take and pass the WT 1 exam. Jonathan Westlake and Fred Luther need to take and pass the WT 1 exam. Please see the enclosed flyer 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				
	Preventive Maintenance Plan	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 month, 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.	Bruce Nelson MHC RMW 442-7042
		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				
	Compliance	Utility had no Monitoring and Reporting violations during the past year		10	5	The utility had 3 Drinking Water Monitoring and Reporting violations in 2023.	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.	Gretchen Keim ADEC Drinking Water Program 451-2231
		Utility had up to five Monitoring and Reporting violations during the past year		5				
		Utility had more than five Monitoring and Reporting violations during the last year		0				
Managerial	Utility Management Training	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	Clara Stein attended Clerk's Management for Rural Utilities training on 12/12/2022.	To maintain the full points in this category, consider sending someone to one of the free RUBA trainings each year.	Rebecca Rein DCRA RUBA Program 269-4501
	Meetings of the Governing Body	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	Minutes were provided for the following months during this reporting period: June, July, August, and September 2023. The water operator report was consistently included in the meeting minutes.	To maintain full points, the governing body must continue to meet according to local ordinance/bylaw 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	Budget	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	The utility owner or third-party utility manager has adopted an overall realistic and balanced budget and accurate monthly financial reports have been documented in the meeting minutes.	Additional points can be earned by creating a separate enterprise account for the utility. This will allow for better tracking of the utility's revenues and expenses.	
		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				
	Revenue	Utility is collecting revenue sufficient to cover the Utility's operating expenses and to contribute to a repair and replacement account		20	20	Financial reports show utility revenue is sufficient to cover expenses and a dedicated repair and replacement account is adequately funded.	Full points have been awarded. Keep up the great work.	
		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				
	Worker's Compensation Insurance	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	Continuous coverage for the utility owner was confirmed by the insurance provider on 12/31/2023.	Full points have been awarded. The utility owner must maintain an active workers' 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				
Payroll Liability Compliance	Utility has no past due tax liabilities and is current with all tax obligations		5	5	Utility has no past due tax liabilities and is current with all tax obligations.	Full points have been awarded. Continue to submit timely reports and payments to maintain these points.		
	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		30			TOTAL SCORE	90		