

**Best Practices Score
Kotzebue
SPRING 2020**

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 3 Primary Operator: <i>Matthew Lazarus</i> Certification Level: <i>WT 4</i> Backup Operator: <i>Russell Ferguson</i> Certification Level: <i>WT 2</i> Matthew Lazarus is certified at the correct level. Russell Ferguson and Alan Allen hold certification but not at the correct level.	Matthew Lazarus has the required CEUs to renew now. Russell Ferguson has the required CEUs to renew his WT 2 certification in 2021. Russell Ferguson needs to take and pass the WT 3 exam. Alan Allen has the required CEU to renew his WT P certificate 2021 and he needs to take and pass the WT 2 exam. Please see 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					
	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.	Chris Cox MHC RMW 442-7352	
		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	10	The utility had 0 Drinking Water Monitoring and Reporting violations in 2019. Excellent job - keep up the good work!	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.	Teslyn Visscher ADEC Drinking Water Program 465-3038	
		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	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	Russell Ferguson attended Financial training on 3/22/19.	To maintain the full points in this category, consider sending someone to one of the free RUBA trainings each year.	Eli Jacobson DCRA RUBA Program 543-3475	
	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	2	The city provided meeting minutes from June 2019, through November 2019. However, the meeting minutes do not record reports from the utility operator.	To receive additional points, provide RUBA with meeting minutes that demonstrate that the operator is providing a report to the council.		
		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	0	The city adopted a calendar fiscal year budget changing from a state fiscal year on 12/13/19 so there were five months the city did not have a budget. Financial reports are not reviewed monthly. Seven months of reports were reviewed in September.	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					
	Revenue	Utility is collecting revenue sufficient to cover the Utility's operating expenses and to contribute to a repair and replacement account		20	20	A November 2019 financial report for eleven months shows revenues surpassing expenditures by 1.3 million dollars the utility has adequate reserves for R&R.	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	Current policy verified 1/8/2020.	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					
	Payroll Liability Compliance	Utility has no past due tax liabilities and is current with all tax obligations		5	5	Current on all payroll tax liabilities.	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		19	SDS O&M Score	13	TOTAL SCORE	79			