

Best Practices Score
Nuiqsut
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	10	System Classification: Water Treatment 2 Primary Operator: <i>Ed York</i> Certification Level: <i>WT 3</i> Backup Operator: <i>Shawn Trulove</i> Certification Level: <i>WT 2</i> The North Slope Borough contracts with a private entity to provide water system operations. The community has more than one operator certified at the correct level.	The full points have been awarded in this category. Operators should continue to pursue the required continuing education and be prepared to renew certifications when necessary.	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	15	The utility is not performing the required maintenance or isn't keeping records of maintenance.	To receive the full points in this category, the operator must have a Preventative Maintenance plan that they follow and the completed plan must be submitted to your assigned RMW each quarter.	John Johnson RMW 269-7605	
		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 1 Drinking Water Monitoring and Reporting violations in 2019.	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.	Dawnn Bodyfelt ADEC Drinking Water Program 451-2170	
		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	0	No one associated with the utility has attended a RUBA training in the past five years.	RUBA provides free training several times per year. Someone who works with the utility should take one of the courses as soon as possible.	Jeffrey Congdon DCRA RUBA Program 451-2716	
	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	Borough's website includes minutes documenting three regular meetings held within the past six months. Minutes do not identify whether utility department operator or manager provided a report.	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	10	NSB has adopted what seems to be a realistic budget for Nuiqsut water\sewer utilities, but financial reports have not been provided to the RUBA program.	Provide RUBA with monthly financial reports and meeting minutes that demonstrate the council is consistently reviewing accurate 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	0	The North Slope Borough has funding available, however funding information for this specific utility has not been presented to RUBA staff.	Provide RUBA with monthly financial reports.		
		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 1/14/2020.	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	0	The RUBA program did not receive authorization to access tax information for the community.	Provide RUBA with a completed authorization form so they may confirm compliance with tax liabilities.		
		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		0	SDS O&M Score	8	TOTAL SCORE		47		