

**Best Practices Score  
Akiak  
Fall 2020**

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	3	System Classification: Water Treatment 2 Primary Operator: <i>Nelson Owen</i> Certification Level: <i>WT 1</i> Backup Operator: <i>Calvin Charles</i> Certification Level: <i>WD P</i>  Nelson Owen and Calvin Charles hold certifications but not at the correct level.	Nelson Owen has the required CEUs to renew his WT 1 certificate in 2021. Calvin Charles has the required CEUs to renew his WD P certificate by 12/31/2020. Calvin Charles has passed the WT 1 exam but has not applied for certification. Nelson Owen needs to take and pass the WT 2 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				
	<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 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.	Bob White YKHC RMW 543-6428
		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	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.	Leslie Morrison ADEC Drinking Water Program 269-7518
		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	Sheila Carl and Norma Williams attended Elected Officials Management for Rural Utilities training on 11/4/2016.	To maintain the full points in this category, consider sending someone to one of the free RUBA trainings each year.	Fred Broerman DCRA RUBA Program 543-3475
	<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	Minutes provided for December 2019 through May 2020, four of the months had operators reports.	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	10	Monthly financial reports not provided for February through May 2020. Written financials mentioned only in January, March, and May 2020 minutes	Provide RUBA with monthly financial reports and meeting minutes that demonstrate the council has reviewed and accepted a budget vs actual monthly financial reports in cash basis.	Fred Broerman DCRA RUBA Program 543-3475
		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	0	Without monthly financial reports for five months it is impossible to evaluate this criteria. Heating fuel or electric expenses not tracked adequately to make a determination.	To receive additional points, the utility needs to provide monthly financial reports in cash basis to RUBA staff and demonstrate sufficient revenue and/or subsidy to cover the utility's expenses.	
		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	2	Policy verified on 7/14/2020. DOL Workers Compensation staff indicated that the tribe had a break in coverage prior to June 14, 2020.	Full points can be awarded after the community demonstrates that a Worker's Compensation Policy has been in place for two full years.	
		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	Needs to submit several IRS 730 reports for 2017 and March 2020.	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	0	SDS O&M Score	10	TOTAL SCORE	60		