

Best Practices Score  
Nome  
Fall 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 1 Primary Operator: <i>Jerome West</i> Certification Level: <i>WT 1</i> Backup Operator: <i>Calvin Ojanen</i> Certification Level: <i>WT 1</i>  Jerome West and Calvin Ojanen hold the correct level of certification. Derek Wieler holds certification but not at the correct level. Landis Bjorgen holds no certification.	Jerome West has the required CEUs to renew his WT 1 certificate now. Calvin Ojanen has the CEUs required to renew his WT 1 certificate now. Derek Wieler has the required CEUs to renew his WT P certificate in 2022. Landis Bjorgen needs 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	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.	Rachel Lee NSHC RMW 443-3294	
		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.	Karen Garland ADEC Drinking Water Program 451-2137	
		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	John Handeland attended Personnel Management for Rural Utilities training on 1/9/2017.	To maintain the full points in this category, consider sending someone to one of the free RUBA trainings each year.	Lena Mathlaw DCRA RUBA Program 443-5457	
	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	0	No response to information request.	The governing body needs to meet according to local ordinance and submit minutes to RUBA. The meeting minutes should document that a report was made by the operator to the governing board.		
		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	No budget provided.	Provide RUBA with an adopted, realistic budget. 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	0	The utility has a fee schedule and a collection policy in place, but no monthly financial reports have been submitted to confirm these policies are followed.	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					
	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	Policy verified on 6/11/2020	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		0	SDS O&M Score	8	TOTAL SCORE		50		