

**Best Practices Score
Gulkana
Spring 2021**

| 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 | 3 | System Classification: Water Treatment 2 Primary Operator: <i>Frank Vermillion</i> Certification Level: <i>WT 1</i> Backup Operator: <i>No record of a backup operator</i> Certification Level: <i>N/A</i> | Frank Vermillion needs 3.0 CEUs before 12/31/23 to renew in 2023 and also needs to take and pass the WT 2 exam. A backup operator needs to be identified and 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. | Tanner Cole ADEC RMW 269-7609 |
| | | 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 2021. 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 451-3038 |
| | | 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 | Eveline Frank attended Financial Management for Rural Utilities training on 4/8/2019. | To maintain the full points in this category, consider sending someone to one of the free RUBA trainings each year. | Brendan Smyth DCRA RUBA Program 451-2744 |
| | 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 | The Gulkana Village's ordinances indicate they are only required to hold meetings quarterly. They provided RUBA staff with meeting minutes which met all BP requirements for two meetings in this scoring period. | 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 | 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 | A budget was provided from FY20 but no FY21 budget was 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. | Brendan Smyth DCRA RUBA Program 451-2744 |
| | | 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 | 5 | The reports provided that show expenses covering costs are set in accrual when we require cash basis for scoring revenue. | To receive additional points, the utility needs to provide a collection policy and monthly financial reports in cash basis to RUBA staff that 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 1/20/2021 | 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 | 3 | SDS O&M Score | 10 | TOTAL SCORE | 63 | | |