

**Best Practices Score
Wales
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	5	System Classification: Small Treated Primary Operator: <i>Larry Sereadlook</i> Certification Level: <i>Small Treated</i> Backup Operator: <i>Stanley Milligrock</i> Certification Level: <i>Operator holds no current certification</i>	Larry Sereadlook has the required CEU to renew his ST certificate in 2022. Stanley Milligrock needs to take and pass the Small Untreated 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.	Richard Kuzuguk NSHC RMW 443-4584
		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 3 Drinking Water Monitoring and Reporting violations in 2021.	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.	Mike Sharp ADEC Drinking Water Program 451-2178
		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	Marcia Soolook attended Elected Officials Management for Rural Utilities training on 12/03/2020.	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	5	Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Reports from the operator found in the majority of minutes.	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	10	FY21 Budget balanced but amendments are needed for additional revenue (i.e. CARES Act Funds) Majority of monthly financial reports not submitted and not presented monthly to governing body.	Provide RUBA with realistic budget, monthly financial reports, and meeting minutes that demonstrate the council is consistently reviewing accurate monthly financial reports.	Lena Mathlaw DCRA RUBA Program 443-5457
		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	Three of six monthly financial reports submitted with one month revenue meeting expenses. Budget amendment for repair and replacement line item with no contributions.	To receive additional points, the utility needs to create a balanced and realistic budget, and provide monthly financial reports in cash basis to RUBA staff to 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 1/4/2021	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	0	Unemployment insurance contributions tax clearance not granted. Owes taxes and 941 needs to be filed for third quarter 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	5	SDS O&M Score	10	TOTAL SCORE	65		