

**Best Practices Score  
Kotzebue  
Fall 2021**

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	7	System Classification: Water Treatment 3 Primary Operator: <i>Matthew Lazarus</i> Certification Level: <i>WT 4</i> Backup Operator: <i>Russell Ferguson</i> Certification Level: <i>WT 2</i>  Matthew Lazarus is certified at the correct level. Russell Ferguson and Alan Allen hold certification but not at the correct level.	Matthew Lazarus needs 3.0 CEUs by 12/31/23 to renew in 2023. Russell Ferguson has the required CEUs to renew his certification now and needs to take and pass the WT 3 exam. Alan Allen has the required CEUs to renew his WT P certificate now and needs to take and pass the WT 2 exam. Please see 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.	MHC RMW
		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 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.	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	<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	Russell Ferguson attended Financial Management for Rural Utilities training on 3/12/2019.	To maintain the full points in this category, consider sending someone to one of the free RUBA trainings each year.	
	<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	All required meeting minutes were submitted.	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	15	The utility has a realistic budget and provided to the city council.	Full points have been awarded. Continue to provide monthly financial reports to RUBA for verification.	Fred Smith DCRA RUBA Program 442-3696
		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	20	The utility has sufficient revenues and is subsidized with funds from ANTHC and the Northwest Artic Borough	Full points have been awarded. Keep up the great work.	
		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 6/2/2021 Break in coverage	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	5	IRS compliant, ESC granted.	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	34	SDS O&M Score	15	TOTAL SCORE	94		