

**Best Practices Score  
Stebbins  
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	3	System Classification: Water Treatment 1 Primary Operator: <i>Peter Martin</i> Certification Level: <i>Small Treated</i> Backup Operator: <i>Brandon Mike</i> Certification Level: <i>Small Treated</i>	Peter Martin has the required CEU to renew his ST certificate in 2022 and needs to take and pass the WT 1 exam. Brandon Mike has the required CEU to renew his ST certificate in 2022 and 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				
	<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	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.	Stosh Labinski NSHC RMW 443-3273
		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	0	The utility had 7 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.	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	Miranda Charlie and others attended Clerks Management for Rural Utilities training on 2/25/2021.	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
	<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	A majority of the minutes were submitted, with a utility report and financial report consistently provided to the governing body.	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	Budget is balanced with amendments. Water/sewer expenses meet revenue with no identified subsidy, but overall budget funds available.	Full points have been awarded. Continue to provide monthly financial reports to RUBA for verification.	
		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	5	No contributions to a repair and replacement account. May financials show year to date expenses exceed revenue with overall city revenue unable to cover shortfall.	To receive additional points, the utility needs to provide 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				
	<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	5	Policy verified on 6/28/2021	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					
<b>Payroll Liability Compliance</b>	Utility has no past due tax liabilities and is current with all tax obligations	5	5	ESC tax clearance granted. Deemed compliant by IRS.	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	9	TOTAL SCORE	58		