

Best Practices Score
Wales
Fall 2023

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: Small Untreated Primary Operator: <i>Larry Sereadlook</i> Certification Level: <i>Small Treated</i> Backup Operator: <i>Terrin Magby</i> Certification Level: <i>Small Treated</i> Larry Sereadlook and Terrin Magby hold certification at the correct level. Marie Ningealook holds no certification.	Larry Sereadlook needs an additional 0.25 CEU by 12/31/25 to renew in 2025. Terrin Magby has the necessary CEUs to renew in 2024. Marie Ningealook needs to take and pass the ST 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 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.	Shyler Johnson NSHC RMW 625-1231	
		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	0	The utility had 15 Drinking Water Monitoring and Reporting violations in 2022.	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 12/3/2020.	To maintain the full points in this category, consider sending someone to one of the free RUBA trainings each year.	Cynthia Gray 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	Documentation was not provided to RUBA during this reporting period.	The governing body needs to meet according to local ordinance and/or bylaw and submit minutes to RUBA. The meeting minutes should document that a report was made by the operator to the governing board. Contact your assigned LGS for assistance.		
		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	Documentation was not provided to RUBA during this reporting period.	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. Contact your assigned LGS for advice and assistance.		
		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	Documentation was not provided to RUBA during this reporting period.	Provide RUBA with accurate monthly financial reports that shows the utility is collecting sufficient revenue to cover operating expenses. Contact your assigned LGS for advice and assistance.		
		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	2	Current coverage for utility owner was confirmed on 06/30/23, but the insurance provider reported a break in coverage prior to 11/10/22.	Full points can be awarded after the utility owner demonstrates that a workers' compensation policy has been in place for all employees 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					
	Payroll Liability Compliance	Utility has no past due tax liabilities and is current with all tax obligations		5	0	Utility owner is not current with state tax reporting and/or payment requirements.	To receive additional points in this category, the utility must either become current on all outstanding tax liabilities, or 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		0			TOTAL SCORE	32			