

**Best Practices Score
New Stuyahok
Spring 2025**

| Category | | O&M Scoring Criteria | Possible | Score | Explanation of Score | How to Improve Score | Contact |
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| Technical | Operator Certification | Utility has more than one operator certified to the level of the water system | 10 | 0 | System Classification: Water Distribution 2 Primary Operator: <i>Donald Apokedak</i> Certification Level: <i>Operator holds no current certification</i> Backup Operator: <i>Jerry Gust</i> Certification Level: <i>Operator holds no current certification</i> | Nick Suskuk is a new primary operator, holding a WD P certification, needs 1.6 CEU's for renewal in 2026. Donald Apokedak, Jerry Gust, Michael Gumlickpuk, and Ivan Gust need to take and pass the WD 1 exam. Please see the enclosed flyer with more informati | 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. | Jeff Fonkert BBAHC RMW 843-0665 |
| | | 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 5 Drinking Water Monitoring and Reporting violations in 2024. | 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. | Monica Ague ADEC Drinking Water Program 269-7653 |
| | | Utility had up to five Monitoring and Reporting violations during the past year | 5 | | | | |
| Utility had more than five Monitoring and Reporting violations 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 | Jerry Walcott attended Introduction to Operations and Maintenance Best Practices training on 10/7/2024. | To maintain the full points, consider sending someone to one of the free RUBA trainings each year. | Heather Nudlash DCRA RUBA Program 842-5135 |
| | 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 | The governing body needs to meet according to local ordinance/bylaw and submit meeting minutes to RUBA. The minutes should document that a report to the council was made by the operator. Contact your assigned LGS for assistance. | The governing body needs to meet according to local ordinance/bylaw and submit meeting minutes to RUBA. The minutes should document that a report to the council was made by the operator. 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 | 10 | The third-party utility manager has adopted an overall realistic and balanced budget, but accurate monthly financial reports have not been documented in the meeting minutes. | To receive additional points in this category, provide RUBA with the utility owner's balanced and realistic budget. RUBA can provide assistance with this effort if needed. | Heather Nudlash DCRA RUBA Program 842-5135 |
| | | 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 | 20 | Financial reports show utility revenue is sufficient to cover expenses and a dedicated repair and replacement account is adequately funded. | 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 | | | | |
| | 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 | Continuous coverage for the utility owner was confirmed by the insurance provider on 12/31/24. | Full points have been awarded. The utility owner must maintain an active workers' 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 | Utility owner has no past due State of Alaska payroll tax liabilities and is current with all ESC tax obligations. | 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 | 15 | | | TOTAL SCORE | 75 | | |