

**Best Practices Score
Shishmaref
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 | 3 | System Classification: Water Treatment 2 Primary Operator: <i>John Weyiouanna</i> Certification Level: <i>WT 1</i> Backup Operator: <i>Jeffery Nayokpuk</i> Certification Level: <i>Small Treated</i> John Weyiouanna and Jeffery Nayokpuk hold certifications but not at the correct level. | John Weyiouanna needs 3.0 CEUs to renew in 2027 and needs to take and pass the WT 2 exam. Jeffery Nayokpuk needs 1.0 CEU to renew in 2026 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 | | | | |
| | 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. | Monti Tarawneh NSHC RMW 443-3403 |
| | | 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 | 10 | The utility had 0 Drinking Water Monitoring and Reporting violations in 2024. Excellent job - keep up the good work! | | Jenny Roberts ADEC Drinking Water Program 451-2137 |
| | | 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 | Karen Olanna attended Organizational Management for Rural Utilities training on 2/2/2024. | To maintain the full points, consider sending someone to one of the free RUBA trainings each year. | |
| | 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 | 2 | To receive additional points, 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. | To receive additional points, 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 utility owner has adopted an overall realistic and balanced budget, but accurate monthly financial reports have not been documented in the meeting minutes. | Provide RUBA with accurate monthly financial reports that are submitted to the council and documented in the meeting minutes. | 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 | 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 | 5 | Continuous coverage for the utility owner was confirmed by a Department of Labor and Workforce Development database query 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 | 5 | | | TOTAL SCORE | 65 | | |