

Best Practices Score
Hydaburg
Spring 2025

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	3	System Classification: Water Treatment 2 Primary Operator: <i>Donald Bell</i> Certification Level: <i>WD 1</i> Backup Operator: <i>Wesley Minch</i> Certification Level: <i>Operator holds no current certification</i> Donald Bell holds certification but not in the correct system or level. Wesley Minch holds no certification.	Donald Bell needs 3.0 CEUs by 12/31/25 to renew in 2025 and needs to take and pass the WT 1 exam. Wesley Minch 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.	Tanner Cote ADEC RMW 269-7609	
		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 25 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.	Emily Hoyt ADEC Drinking Water Program 465-5350	
		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	0	No one associated with the utility has attended a RUBA training in the past five years.	RUBA provides free training several times per year. Contact your assigned LGS for more information.		
	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 for a majority of the scoring period. 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 for a majority of the scoring period. 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	The overall Fiscal Year 2024 budget submitted to RUBA was not balanced.	The utility owner needs to adopt a balanced and realistic budget. Contact your assigned LGS for advice and assistance.	Lydia Mielke DCRA RUBA Program 269-4547	
		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		0			TOTAL SCORE	40			