

Best Practices Score
Port Alexander
Spring 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 Treated Primary Operator: <i>Shanna Smith</i> Certification Level: <i>Small Treated</i> Backup Operator: <i>Sarah Patrick</i> Certification Level: <i>Small Treated</i> Shanna Smith and Sarah Patrick hold the correct level of certification.	Shanna Smith needs 1.0 CEU by 12/31/25 to renew in 2025. Sarah Patrick's ST expired 12/31/22 without the required CEU to renew and will need to retake 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	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 17 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.	Christina Harris ADEC Drinking Water Program 376-1861	
		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	Molley Kimzey attended QuickBooks for Rural Utilities training on 2/16/2021.	To maintain the full points in this category, 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	5	Minutes were provided for the following months during this reporting period: June, August, September, October, November 2022. The water operator report was consistently included in the meeting minutes.	To maintain full points, the governing body must continue to meet according to local ordinance/bylaw 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	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 a realistic and balanced budget that identifies utility income and expenses separate from other departments. The subsidy is clearly identified but monthly financial reports were not provided to RUBA.	Provide RUBA with accurate monthly financial reports that are submitted to the council and documented in the meeting minutes.	Iura Leahu DCRA RUBA Program 465-4814	
		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 the Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association on 01/05/23.	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	The utility owner has no past due tax liabilities and is current with all 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	SDS O&M Score			TOTAL SCORE		65		