

Best Practices Score
Saint Mary's
Fall 2022

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	7	System Classification: Water Treatment 2 Primary Operator: <i>Andrew Journey</i> Certification Level: <i>WT 3</i> Backup Operator: <i>Clint Nashoanak</i> Certification Level: <i>Small Treated</i> Andrew Journey holds the correct level of certification. Clint Nashoanak holds certification but not at the correct level. Jimmy Kozevnikoff holds no certification.	Andrew Journey has the required CEUs to renew in 2022 and needs to pay the renewal fee now. Clint Nashoanak will need 1.0 CEU by 12/31/24 to renew in 2024. Clint Nashoanak and Jimmy Kozevnikoff need 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	15	The utility is not performing the required maintenance or isn't keeping records of maintenance.	To receive the full points in this category, the operator must have a Preventative Maintenance plan that they follow and the completed plan must be submitted to your assigned RMW each quarter.	Allan Paukan YKHC RMW 438-2024
		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 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.	Leslie Morrison ADEC Drinking Water Program 269-7518
		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	Gertrude Paukan attended QuickBooks for Rural Utilities training on 5/20/2022.	To maintain the full points in this category, consider sending someone to one of the free RUBA trainings each year.	Fred Broerman DCRA RUBA Program 543-3475
	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: December 2021, February, March, April, and May 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 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	Most of the department revenue and expense totals found in the monthly financial report did not match those found in the adopted FY22 budget. FY22 budget numbers on the financial reports were not accurate so council could not implement the budget.	Provide documentation to RUBA that the budget has been adopted. Contact your LGS for advice and assistance.	Fred Broerman DCRA RUBA Program 543-3475
		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	15	The utility is collecting sufficient revenue to cover operating expenses. Repair and replacement expenses are budgeted, but have not been funded for this fiscal year.	To received additional points, the utility must establish a utility repair and replacement account and make regular contributions to be prepared for future needs.	
		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 07/06/22.	Full points have been awarded. The utility owner must maintain an active worker's 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	0	The utility owner is not current with state or federal tax filings and/or payment obligations.	To receive additional points, the utility must either become current on all outstanding tax liabilities and filings, or enter into a repayment agreement for outstanding liabilities 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		7			TOTAL SCORE	67		