

**261—81.8(15) Process to add building block chemicals.**

**81.8(1) *General process.*** The authority may add additional molecules to the definition of “building block chemical” in rule 261—81.2(15) pursuant to Iowa Code section 15.316(3) as amended by 2023 Iowa Acts, Senate File 575. The authority may initiate the administrative rulemaking process for the addition of such molecules to this chapter.

**81.8(2) *Request to include additional molecules.*** Any individual or business may request that an additional molecule be added to the definition of “building block chemical” by submitting a written request to the authority. Such requests shall be made in the form prescribed by the authority and may be submitted to the authority between April 1 and May 1 of each calendar year and October 1 and November 1 of each calendar year. The authority may adjust these dates under extenuating circumstances and will provide notice of adjustments on the authority’s website.

**81.8(3) *Consultation with experts.*** Prior to initiating a rulemaking to add molecules to the definition of “building block chemical” in rule 261—81.2(15), the authority shall consult with appropriate experts from Iowa state university, including but not limited to the Iowa state university center for biorenewable chemicals. The authority shall conduct an initial staff review of any requests received by the authority pursuant to subrule 81.8(2). Following the initial staff review, the authority shall consult with the experts at Iowa state university regarding the molecules that the authority believes are consistent with the definitions under this chapter. The experts at Iowa state university shall provide a written recommendation to the authority indicating which chemicals, in the experts’ opinion, meet the definition of “building block chemical” consistent with this chapter.

**81.8(4) *Initiation of rulemaking proceedings.*** Following the consultation and review process set forth in subrule 81.8(3), the authority may initiate the administrative rulemaking process to amend the definition of “building block chemical” to add molecules that the authority, in the authority’s sole discretion, finds to be consistent with the definitions in this chapter.

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