

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. The authority may initiate the administrative rule-making 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 shall be submitted to the authority during the filing windows prescribed by the authority. At a minimum, the authority shall accept requests 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 notify affected parties of such circumstances.

81.8(3) *Consultation with experts.* Prior to initiating a rule making 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 rule-making proceedings.* Following the consultation and review process set forth in subrule 81.8(3), the authority may initiate the administrative rule-making process to amend the definition of “building block chemical” to add molecules which the authority, in the authority’s sole discretion, finds to be consistent with the definitions in this chapter.