

governments, or to the private sector, result from this action.

Under section 801(a)(1)(A) of the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) as amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, EPA submitted a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives and the Comptroller General of the General Accounting Office prior to publication of the rule in today's Federal Register. This rule is not a "major rule" as defined by section 804(2) of the APA as amended.

The Regional Administrator's decision to approve or disapprove the SIP revision pertaining to the Virginia 15% plan for the Washington, DC nonattainment area will be based on whether it meets the requirements of section 110(a)(2)(A)-(K) and part D of the Clean Air Act, as amended, and EPA regulations in 40 CFR Part 51.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Hydrocarbons, Intergovernmental regulations, Reporting and recordkeeping, Ozone, Volatile organic compounds.

Dated: February 25, 1997.

Stanley L. Laskowski,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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40 CFR Parts 52 and 81

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Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Virginia; Redesignation to Attainment of the Hampton Roads Ozone Nonattainment Area, Approval of the Maintenance Plan and Mobile Emissions Budget

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve two State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the Commonwealth of Virginia for the purpose of establishing a maintenance plan and a motor vehicle emissions budget for the Hampton Roads ozone nonattainment area. EPA is also proposing to approve the request submitted by the Commonwealth of Virginia to redesignate the Hampton Roads marginal ozone nonattainment area to attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)

for ozone. In the final rules section of this Federal Register, EPA is approving the Commonwealth's SIP revisions and redesignation request as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial SIP revision and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the Technical Support Document (TSD) that has been prepared by EPA on these rulemaking actions. The TSD is available for public inspection at the EPA Regional office listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. If no adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. **DATES:** Comments must be received in writing by April 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be mailed to David L. Arnold, Chief, Ozone/Carbon Monoxide, and Mobile Sources Section, Mailcode 3AT21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air, Radiation, and Toxics Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107. Persons interested in examining these documents should schedule an appointment with the contact person (listed below) at least 24 hours before the visiting day. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are also available at the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kristeen Gaffney, Ozone/Carbon Monoxide and Mobile Sources Section (3AT21), USEPA—Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107, or by telephone at: (215) 566-2092. Questions may also be addressed via e-mail, at the following address:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the direct final action of the same title which is located

in the Rules and Regulations section of this Federal Register.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Hydrocarbons, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: February 5, 1997.

W. Michael McCabe,

Regional Administrator, Region III.

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40 CFR Part 80

[FRL-5708-9]

Regulations of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Extension of the Reformulated Gasoline Program to the Phoenix, Arizona Moderate Ozone Nonattainment Area

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: This document announces the time and place for a public hearing regarding EPA's proposed rule to set an implementation date for the Phoenix ozone nonattainment area to be a covered area for all purposes in the federal reformulated gasoline (RFG) program. By letter dated January 17, 1997, the Governor of the State of Arizona applied to EPA to include the Phoenix moderate ozone nonattainment area in the federal reformulated gasoline program (RFG). Pursuant to the Governor's letter and the provisions of section 211(k)(6) of the Clean Air Act, on February 18, 1997 EPA published in the Federal Register a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) (62 FR 7197). In the NPRM, EPA proposed to apply the prohibitions of subsection 211(k)(5) to the Phoenix, Arizona nonattainment area.

DATES: EPA will conduct a public hearing on the proposed rule from 8:00 a.m. until noon on March 18, 1997, in Phoenix, Arizona. Written comments on this proposed rule will be accepted for 30 days following the hearing, until April 17, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held from 8:00 a.m. until noon at the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Public Hearing Room, 3033 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85012. If additional time is needed to hear testimony, the hearing will continue from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. in