

SIP revisions and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. 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 If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule.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: Comments may be mailed to David L. Arnold, Chief, Ozone/CO & Mobile Sources Section, Mailcode 3AT21, 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 EPA office listed above; and the Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control, 89 Kings Highway, P.O. Box 1401, Dover, Delaware 19903.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rose Quinto, (215) 566-2182, at the EPA Region III address above.

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, Carbon monoxide, Hydrocarbons, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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W.T. Wisniewski,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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40 CFR Part 52

[VA059-5016b and VA060-5016b; FRL-5698-2]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Standards for Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Emissions

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 amendments to Virginia's controls on sources of volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions in the Northern Virginia portion of the Metropolitan Washington D.C. serious ozone nonattainment area and the Richmond moderate ozone nonattainment area. These revisions were submitted to impose additional control measures on sources of VOCs to provide emissions reductions creditable toward the 15% Rate of Progress (ROP) Plan in the Northern Virginia portion of the Metropolitan Washington D.C. nonattainment area; and to impose additional control measures in the Richmond nonattainment area to reduce VOC emissions. In the Final Rules section of this Federal Register, EPA is approving the Commonwealth's SIP revisions via direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views these as noncontroversial SIP revisions and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule and the technical support 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 on this action should be addressed to David L. Arnold, Chief, Ozone/CO 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 and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23219.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristeen Gaffney, (215) 566-2092.

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.

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

Dated: February 25, 1997.

William T. Wisniewski,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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40 CFR Part 52

[VA 045-5018; FRL-5698-3]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; 15 Percent Rate of Progress Plan for the Metropolitan Washington, DC Area

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing conditional interim approval of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the Commonwealth of Virginia for the Northern Virginia portion of the Metropolitan Washington, DC serious ozone nonattainment area to meet the 15 percent rate-of-progress (ROP) requirements (also known as the 15% plan) of the Clean Air Act. EPA is proposing a conditional interim approval, because the 15% plan, submitted by the Commonwealth of Virginia, will result in significant emission reductions from the 1990 baseline emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) which contribute to the formation of ground level ozone and, thus, will improve air quality. However, the plan as submitted requires additional documentation to demonstrate affirmatively that the 15% emission reduction target has been achieved. This action is being taken under section 110 of the Clean Air Act. **DATES:** Comments on this proposed action must be postmarked 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