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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the direct final rule published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 5, 1997.

David A. Ullrich,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[VA-076-5022b; FRL-5841-7]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia: Determination of Attainment of Ozone Standard and Determination Regarding Applicability of Certain Requirements in the Richmond Area

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to determine that the Richmond ozone nonattainment area has attained the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone and that certain reasonable further progress and attainment demonstration requirements, along with certain related requirements, of Part D of Title I of the Clean Air Act are not applicable for so long as this area continues to attain the ozone standard. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is making these determinations without prior proposal. A detailed rationale for the action is set forth in the direct final rule and accompanying technical support document. If no adverse comments are received in response to that direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, EPA will withdraw the direct final rule and address the comments in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this notice. Any parties interested in commenting on this notice should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by July 14, 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Cripps, Ozone/Carbon Monoxide and Mobile Sources Section (3AT21), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107, or by telephone at: (215)566-2179. Questions may also be addressed via e-mail, at the following address: Cripps.Christopher@epamail.epa.gov.
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: June 5, 1997.

W. Michael McCabe,

Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[VA062-5021 and VA080-5021; FRL-5841-6]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia: Redesignation Request, Maintenance Plan and Mobile Emissions Budget for the Richmond Ozone Nonattainment Area

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve a redesignation request and two State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the Commonwealth of Virginia. On July 26, 1996, the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality, submitted a maintenance plan as a revision to the SIP and a request to redesignate the Richmond moderate

ozone nonattainment area from nonattainment to attainment. EPA's proposed action is based upon the Commonwealth's submittal satisfying all five criteria for redesignation in the Clean Air Act (the Act), including the fact that the Richmond area has at least three years of complete, quality-assured ambient air monitoring data which demonstrate that the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone has been attained. On July 30, 1996, the Commonwealth submitted another revision to the SIP modifying the mobile emission budgets in the Richmond area maintenance plan in support of the area's transportation plans for the period after the year 2015. EPA is proposing to redesignate the Richmond ozone nonattainment area from nonattainment to attainment and to approve the maintenance plan and mobile emissions budget as revisions to the Virginia SIP. The SIP revisions establish a maintenance plan for Richmond including contingency measures which provide for continued attainment of the ozone NAAQS until the year 2007 and adjust the motor vehicle emissions budget established in the maintenance plan for Richmond to support the area's long-range transportation plans in the horizon years 2015 and beyond. EPA is proposing to approve Virginia's redesignation request and maintenance plan for the Richmond area because the relevant requirements set forth in the the Act, as amended in 1990, have been met. This action is being taken under section 110 of the Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to David Arnold, Chief, Ozone/CO & 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, 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: