

alternative, the EPA is also proposing to disapprove the Washington area attainment demonstration with a protective finding for the 2005 motor vehicle emissions budgets and/or the 1996–1999 ROP plan with a protective finding for the 1999 motor vehicle emissions budgets.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before March 5, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Makeba Morris, Chief, Air Quality Planning and Information Services Branch, Mailcode 3AP21 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103; District of Columbia Department of Public Health, Air Quality Division, 51 N Street, NE., Washington, DC 20002; Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 705, Baltimore, Maryland 21230, Baltimore, Maryland 21224; and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The use of “we,” “us,” or “our” in this document refers to EPA.

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I. What Action Is the EPA Proposing Today?

The EPA is proposing conditional approval of the 1996–1999 ROP plans and the one-hour attainment demonstrations submitted by the DoH, MDE and VADEQ for the Washington area. The following tables identify submittal dates and amendment dates for the 1996–1999 ROP plans and the attainment demonstrations:

TABLE 1.—1996–1999 ROP PLANS

	DC	MD	VA
Initial submittal dates	November 10, 1997	December 24, 1997	December 19, 1997.
Amendment dates	May 25, 1999	May 20, 1999	May 25, 1999.

TABLE 2.—ATTAINMENT DEMONSTRATIONS

	DC	MD	VA
Initial submittal dates	April 24, 1998	April 29, 1998	April 29, 1998.
Amendment dates	October 27, 1998	August 17, 1998	August 18, 1998.
Supplemental dates	February 16, 2000	February 14, 2000 (MD SIP No. 00–01).	February 9, 2000.
Supplemental dates	March 22, 2000	March 31, 2000 (MD SIP No. 00–02).	March 31, 2000.

Hereafter, the SIP revisions in the preceding Table submitted in April 1998 will be called the “1998 Plans;” those submitted in February 2000 will be called the “February 2000 plans;”

and those submitted in March 2000 will be called the “March 2000 plans.”

As noted elsewhere in this document, the EPA is also proposing in the alternative to disapprove these SIPs if

we do not finalize the conditional approval of these SIPs.