

(c) (1) If a local jurisdiction states the local jurisdiction's intent to develop a CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA program, the local jurisdiction shall prepare a proposed program and submit the program to the Commission within 270 days after the effective date of the criteria adopted under § 8-1808 of this subtitle. However, if the local jurisdiction submits evidence satisfactory to the Commission that the local jurisdiction is making reasonable progress in the development of a program, the Commission may extend this period for up to an additional 180 days. Before submission of a program to the Commission within the time allowed by this subsection, a local jurisdiction shall hold at least 1 public hearing on the proposed program, for which 2 weeks notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the local jurisdiction.

(2) IF A LOCAL JURISDICTION STATES THE LOCAL JURISDICTION'S INTENT TO DEVELOP AN ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL AREA PROGRAM, THE LOCAL JURISDICTION SHALL PREPARE A PROPOSED PROGRAM MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CRITERIA ADOPTED UNDER § 8-1808 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND SUBMIT THE PROGRAM TO THE COMMISSION ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2003. HOWEVER, IF THE LOCAL JURISDICTION SUBMITS EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE COMMISSION THAT THE LOCAL JURISDICTION IS MAKING REASONABLE PROGRESS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAM, THE COMMISSION MAY EXTEND THIS PERIOD FOR UP TO AN ADDITIONAL 30 DAYS. BEFORE SUBMISSION OF A PROGRAM TO THE COMMISSION WITHIN THE TIME ALLOWED BY THIS SUBSECTION, A LOCAL JURISDICTION SHALL HOLD AT LEAST 1 PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED PROGRAM, FOR WHICH 2 WEEKS' NOTICE SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE LOCAL JURISDICTION.

(d) (1) Within 30 days after a program is submitted, the Commission shall appoint a panel of 5 of its members to conduct, in the affected jurisdiction, a public hearing on the proposed program.

(2) (I) Within 90 days after the Commission receives a proposed CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA program from a local jurisdiction, the Commission shall approve the proposal or notify the local jurisdiction of specific changes that must be made in order for the proposal to be approved. If the Commission does neither, the proposal shall be deemed approved.

(II) WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE COMMISSION RECEIVES A PROPOSED ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL AREA PROGRAM FROM A LOCAL JURISDICTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL APPROVE THE PROPOSAL OR NOTIFY THE LOCAL JURISDICTION OF SPECIFIC CHANGES THAT MUST BE MADE IN ORDER FOR THE PROPOSAL TO BE APPROVED. IF THE COMMISSION DOES NEITHER, THE PROPOSAL SHALL BE DEEMED APPROVED.

(3) A changed proposal shall be submitted to the Commission in the same manner as the original proposal, within 40 days after the Commission's notice. Unless the Commission approves a changed proposal or disapproves a changed proposal and states in writing the reasons for the Commission's disapproval within 40 days, the changed proposal shall be deemed approved.