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We study the initial-value problem for a system of nonlinear equations that models the flow of a viscous, barotropic fluid under periodic boundary conditions. The system includes a parabolic equation for the velocity, an algebraic equation (the equation of state) for the pressure as a function of the density, and the equation  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$ . We prove the existence of a unique classical solution  $\rho(\mathbf{x}, t)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  for the time interval  $0 \leq t \leq T$ , provided  $\|D\mathbf{v}_0\|_s$  is sufficiently small, where  $\mathbf{v}_0$  is the initial velocity data. The density  $\rho$  satisfies  $\rho(\mathbf{x}_0, t) = \rho_0(\mathbf{x}_0, t)$  at a chosen point  $\mathbf{x}_0$  in the domain, where  $\rho_0$  is the initial iterate for an iteration scheme. (Received September 14, 2008)