**Section 182.306 Criteria for Reviewing Petitions**

a) *The Agency may grant an exemption* from Section 22.23b of the Environmental Protection Act*, with or without conditions, if the manufacturer demonstrates the following:*

1) *A convenient and widely available system exists for the proper collection, transportation, and processing of the switch, relay, instrument, or piece of equipment at the end of its useful life; and*

2) *The specific use or uses of the switch, relay, instrument, or piece of equipment provides a net benefit to the environment, public health, or public safety when compared to available nonmercury alternatives.* (Section 22.23b(c) of the Environmental Protection Act)

b) *The Agency may grant an exemption* from Section 27 of the Mercury-added Product Prohibition Act, *with or without conditions, if the manufacturer demonstrates the following:*

1) *A system exists for the proper collection, transportation, and processing of the product at the end of its useful life; and*

2) *One of the following applies:*

A) *Use of the product provides a net benefit to the environment, public health, or public safety when compared to available nonmercury alternatives; or*

B) *Technically feasible nonmercury alternatives are not available at comparable cost.*  (Section 27 of the Mercury-added Product Prohibition Act)

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