

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

Petition for Exemption from Section 22.23b of the Environmental Protection Act

Peerless-Premier Appliance Company, 119 South 14th Street, P. O. Box 387, Belleville, Illinois, 62222 has submitted a petition to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA") to renew the exemption from Section 22.23b of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act") [415 ILCS 5/22.23b] it was granted for safety valves in gas ignition systems of household cooking gas ranges. Section 22.23b of the Act states that "no person shall sell, offer to sell, distribute, or offer to distribute a mercury switch or a mercury relay individually or as a product component." 415 ILCS 5/22.23b. The manufacturer of a mercury switch or mercury relay may petition the Illinois EPA for an exemption from Section 22.23b for one or more specific uses of the switch or relay. Requirements for the petition and procedures for the Illinois EPA's review of the petition can be found in Section 22.23b(c) of the Act [415 ILCS 5/22.23b(c)] and in Illinois EPA rules at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 182.

Pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 182.302(a), the Illinois EPA is providing public notice of the following information:

1. The petitioner is identified above. An exemption is sought for safety valves in gas ignition systems of household cooking gas ranges.
2. The above product senses the presence of the flame that ignites the burner, once the gas begins to flow.
3. A copy of the petition is available for review at the Illinois EPA's headquarters. Persons wanting to review the application may do so during normal business hours at:

Illinois EPA Headquarters
1021 North Grand Avenue East
Springfield IL 62794-9276

217/524-9642
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Please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you.

4. Written public comments on the petition may be submitted to the Illinois EPA for a period of 45 days after the date of publication of this Notice. Comments must be submitted to the following address:

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