

## **VTI/NaturalVue: No PFAS in Contact Lens Formulations**

Recent media reports have communicated the results of an unpublished research study that indicated that several types of soft contact lenses may contain ‘forever chemicals’. The study, conducted by the consumer group Mamavation in partnership with Environmental Health News, identified some of the soft contact lenses evaluated had various levels of organic fluorine, an indicator for the presence of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)<sup>1</sup>. NaturalVue® brand soft contact lenses, made by Visioneering Technologies, Inc. (“VTI”), were not included in the study.

Dr. Kuang-mon (Ashley) Tuan, Chief Medical Officer for VTI, stated, “Safety is our primary concern. We have verified that our NaturalVue contact lenses do not contain chemicals identified as indicators of PFAS. NaturalVue soft contact lenses are made from etafilcon A material. The etafilcon A material used in our NaturalVue contact lenses is not formulated with fluorinated polymers or PFAS. We will continue to review and research all information regarding PFAS chemicals as more information becomes available.”

In addition to conducting its own review, VTI has confirmed with its manufacturer, PegaVision, that no VTI/NaturalVue soft contact lenses are formulated with fluorinated polymers or PFAS.

Should you have any questions or concerns, you may contact Dr. Douglas P. Benoit, Executive Director, Medical Affairs for VTI via email [dbenoit@vtivision.com](mailto:dbenoit@vtivision.com).

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Reference

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.mamavation.com/health/PFAS-contact-lenses.html>; accessed 6/2/23.