CONTACT LENSES

Millions of people use contact lenses in the U. S. and other countries. Disposable contact lenses are especially easy to use, flexible, and helpful for correcting vision disorders and poor focusing with reading. Many contact lens users work at industrial and manufacturing companies. Contact lenses do not protect eyes from hazards, such as flying objects, particles, chemical splash, and radiant energy, at workplace. If they are not used properly, contact lenses can cause eye infections, which can be very dangers. FDA regulates food, drug, and cosmetics, but the FDA also serves as a scientific advisor and consumer educator regarding medical devices. Medical devices are regulated within the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH). Contact lenses are regulated under the authority of the medical device amendments. The center is responsible for publishing guidelines for medical device safety and developments. According to OSHA regulations, wearing contact lenses for any reason does not cover personal protective equipment requirements for any employee performing a task involving eye hazards. Workplaces can establish a written policy under general safety requirements for eye and face protection and contact lens wearing restrictions, depending on each task. The company can also conduct eye hazard evaluation and training.

Contact Lens Safety Tips:
- Wash and dry your hands before putting on or removing your contact lenses.
- Use oil and lotion free soap.
- Use your finger tip to handle your lenses. Make sure the lenses are clean.
- Do not wear contact lenses overnight.
- Do not wear lenses in the shower.
- Do not reuse contact lens solution.
- Take lenses out if they are bothering you.
- Do not wear lenses while you are swimming.
- Follow all eye care instructions for the use of contact lenses.

Work Site Review: Hazards/Safety Suggestions

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Employee Signatures: (continue on back of sheet if necessary)

(My signature attests and verifies my understanding of and agreement to comply with, all company safety policies and regulations, and that I have not suffered, experienced, or sustained any recent job-related injury or illness)