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One of the biggest problems in the commercial flooring industry is the improper product being specified and installed in the wrong place. All flooring materials will not perform satisfactorily in all applications for any number of reasons. One of the biggest culprits... **Concrete Moisture Content.**

Changes in local weather, humidity and seasons all influence the success of a flooring installation. A simple moisture test is all that lies between installation success and business failure. Concrete interacts with the humidity of its environment.

Unfortunately, fast-track construction schedules pressure contractors into installing floor coverings over concrete which is not in "dry" condition.

A concrete slab which does not reach moisture equilibration creates ongoing costs needed to mitigate problems. The costs to repair ongoing flooring issues typically outweighs the benefit of pushing forward and maintaining a project schedule.

If floor coverings are installed before the sub floors are cured or remediated then the moisture is trapped between the concrete and the floor covering. The result... Floor Failure! The excess volume (RH) and chemistry (PH) of the moisture will eventually destroy the flooring's adhesive bond. **Bubbles...Seam Splits...Curling... OH MY!**

The American Concrete Institute (ACI) has established general drying guidelines for concrete slabs. Under ideal conditions, concrete will dry at an estimated rate of one month for every inch of slab thickness. During this time, moisture moves from the wettest, deepest parts of the slab towards the surface in order to evaporate.

Before flooring is installed, the following levels should be determined.

- **MVER:** Calcium Chloride Testing will determine the moisture vapor emissions rate on the slab surface – pounds / 1000 SF / 24 hours.
- **PH:** The Alkali in the concrete and adhesive to be used need to calibrate. If they are not compatible, the adhesive will breakdown and

COMPANY NEWS

PAR FLOORING TURNED 20... CARING IS SHARING!

On June 9th the employees of **PAR Flooring** and their families walked united to help the children of [The Valerie Fund](#).

- 180 Teams Attended...
- 893 People Ran the 5K...
- 2,357 People Walked...
- 5,000 Local Children with Cancer & Blood Disorders were helped... They are so brave!
- Over \$1,000,000.00 was raised and contributions are still coming in! WOW!

We had the "coolest" team banner... all made out of flooring materials! Thank you to all of our friends and colleagues that contributed... We walked to honor the memory of Riva Sloan and gave back to the local community in which we live. Worthwhile and very satisfying.

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