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## Getting out of a sticky situation

FORT WORTH, TX — Even for the most skilled technician, there can be a variety of variables impacting the success of floor refinishing, [according to a press release](#).

As an example, a pier in San Francisco harbor was converted into an office building; cleaning crews spent several hours stripping and refinishing the building's hard surface floors, the release stated.

According to the article, the next morning, the customer called and complained that the floors were "sticky" and wanted the problem corrected as soon as possible, but the cleaning crew was neither sure how the problem had occurred nor how to correct it.

"Just the fact that the building is situated in the water could be a cause. High humidity can extend drying times beyond the normal 20 to 30 minutes it normally takes for finish to dry," said Mike Englund, product manager for [Powr-Flite](#).

According to Englund, other reasons a newly finished floor could become sticky include:

- Improper rinsing
- Finish separation
- Thick application
- Dry, but not hard.

"Many times, buffing or burnishing the floor can remove the stickiness and correct the problem. But, if this does not work, the floor may need to be stripped and refinished all over again," Englund added.

