

## Fixing slab leaks in a two-story, seven-unit condo project had been messy and costly for owner.

### Problem:

Any property owner knows the risks and rewards of ownership. One of the biggest downsides is the drain on current cash flow due to costly repairs. Jess Bradburn, president of the Savina Homeowners Association, indicates the 20-year-old, seven-unit condo had experienced multiple hot water slab leaks, and the walls and floors had been jackhammered to remove and replace pipes. After the last leak repair, two of the HOAs had upgraded their kitchens and baths at a cost of \$30,000 to \$50,000 each. Now a new hot water leak was active.

### Solution:

Brinks CuraFlo technicians investigated the active hot water leak, which was underneath the floor of one of the recently remodeled bathrooms. Typical plumbing repair would have required taking out the tile and tub. CuraFlo's exclusive "stop leak formula" avoided that problem by cleaning and sealing the pipes from the inside.

While investigating the initial problem, Brinks men discovered a second leak under the kitchen sink in the same unit. Brinks fixed that leak as well. And with its whole building approach to detecting and stopping water pipe leaks, the HOA engaged Brinks to shoot and



seal the pipe system in the entire complex without opening walls or jackhammering the floors. Doing the whole building at one time lowered the cost per unit.

Bradburn investigated three different epoxy lining systems. Brinks' competitors offered a thinner liner which fell short of high temperature tolerances. "Potentially the thinner, shell-like product could break down and clog the pipes," he said, "and if that happens you cannot recoat the pipes." He said the Brinks CuraFlo blue epoxy was twice as thick as the competitor's thinner coat. "CuraFlo is like have a new PVC pipe inside the old leaky copper pipe," he said.

"We have found the home insurance companies are giving a break on rates to people having their pipes relined," Bradburn added. "That's another plus."

*"We had an active hot water slab leak in a bathroom when we called CuraFlo. Their inspection discovered another leak under the kitchen sink. CuraFlo's stop leak system cured the problem for the entire building." Jess Bradburn, Savina HOA, San Diego CA*

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