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SUB-SURFACE COMPACTION

This bulletin deals with structural terrazzo systems placed on a compacted earth/fill base.

The general contractor will perform in accordance with the specifications and prepare the substrate surface with granular and/or sand fill to the required 95% of maximum density compaction per modified Proctor Test, ASTM-D 1557-70. This is normally before the mechanical contractors commence underground preparation for their work.

Thus, trenches and holes are dug throughout the area where the structural terrazzo is to be installed. The backfill provided by others is compacted to the required standard.

If it appears the disturbed areas have not been properly compacted, it should be brought to the attention of the architect and the general contractor.

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