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Recycling Enforcement Initiative (REI)



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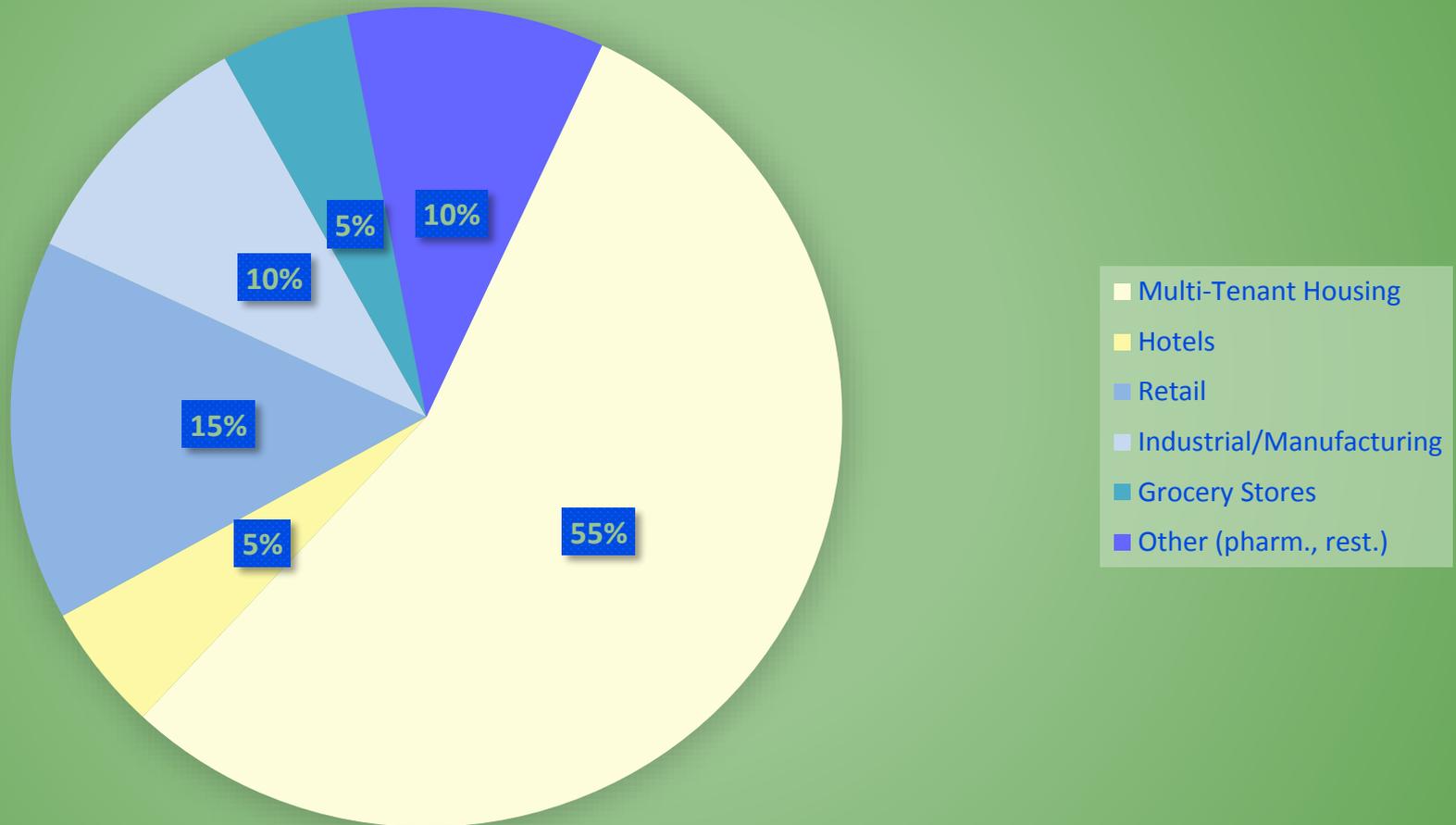
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WEED inspected approximately 100 facilities

Sectors Evaluated



REI: Field Results

70% of Sites inspected had Designated Recycling Violations



Typical Violations Identified

1. **Limited Recycling:**

- a) Site recycled only one or a few designated recyclable items
 - For example, some Retail or Manufacturing facilities recycled cardboard or scrap metal only
 - No recycling provided for other items, such as, bottles, cans, newspapers, magazines or office paper

2. **Mixing of recyclable items:**

- a) Site may have had a recycling program in place, but more than an incidental amount of designated recyclable material was combined with trash
- b) Several multi-tenant sites had a significant recycling program in place, however, maintenance workers had been removing redeemable cans/bottles and then discarding the remaining designated recyclables into the trash



Typical violations Encountered (cont'd)

3. **No Recycling Program at all:**

- MSW Contracts do not include the collection of designated recyclable items
- No internal collection containers associated with recycling
- No external collection containers associated with recycling
- No facility staff designated or responsible for recycling
- For the multi-tenant housing sector: No outreach/education provided to tenants



REI Actions to Date



- **NONs issued to 2 Sites**
 - Identifies violations
 - Provides formal notice to facilities of recycling requirements
 - Does not require a formal response

- **NOVs issued to over 40 Multi-Tenant Housing Sites (Hartford & New Haven)**
 - Early in the process, but a few have responded well thus far by implementing Recycling Programs
 - Installed collection containers (internally & externally)
 - Expanded collection contracts with Solid Waste Haulers to include collection of recyclables
 - Provided outreach/education to tenants
 - Developed and implemented SOPs to ensure recyclables remain segregated

 - Those that fail to adequately respond will be assessed to determine the need for an escalated action, consistent with the ERP, which may include civil penalty.



REI Actions to Date

➤ Compliance Assistance has been provided to Multiple Sites

➤ Most have been closed out, but a few have not responded adequately and will be discussed to determine the next course action (ERP):

- Close out
- Gather more field data
- Utilize traditional Enforcement Response





- <http://www.ct.gov/deep/recyclinglaws>
- <http://www.ct.gov/deep/recycle>
- www.ct.gov/deep/cmms

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