

#### **ENERGY**

Light of the Living Dead: The Current Market for T12 Lamps in the Post-EPACT World

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## **Structure of Presentation**

- Background
  - Phase-out legislation
  - The reasons for the research
  - Researchable questions
- Methodology
- Key Findings
- Conclusions



# **Background – Phase-out Legislation**

- Energy Policy Act (EPACT) of 2005
  - 1) Bans manufacture/importation of T12 magnetic ballasts starting in 2010; and

2) Requires all linear fluorescents manufactured/imported for sale in U.S to meet more stringent efficacy standards starting in July 2012.

Conventional wisdom was legislation would result in a "T12 phase-out"

## **Background – Exemptions to Phase Out**

- However, there were exemptions:
  - T12 lamps with a Color Rendering Index (CRI) of 87 or greater
  - "800" series of 8'-long 60W T12 lamps
  - Linear fluorescents for plant growth or cold temperature applications
  - T12 lamps in inventory or purchased from factory stock prior to the 7/14/12

# **Background – Researchable Questions**

- Are manufacturers still producing T12 lamps despite the phase-out?
  - [IF YES] How are they doing this?
- How aware are lighting market actors and C&I customers of this phase-out?
  - [IF AWARE] How are they reacting to it?
- How big a market do these continuing T12 sales represent?
- What customers are purchasing these T12s and why?
- What % of the linear fluorescents in MA C&I facilities are T12 lamps?
- How much longer is this T12 market expected to continue?

# Methodology

- Literature review: February 2014, updated in August 2014 with new CA findings
- Interviews with lighting market actors participating in MA programs

Lighting Market Actors	n	Time Period
MA lighting distributors	10	April 2014
Lighting manufacturers	17	June-July 2014
Buyers of lighting products for major retail chains	5	June-July 2014
Managers of MA home improvement/ hardware stores	54	August 2014

Onsite surveys with 343 C&I customers

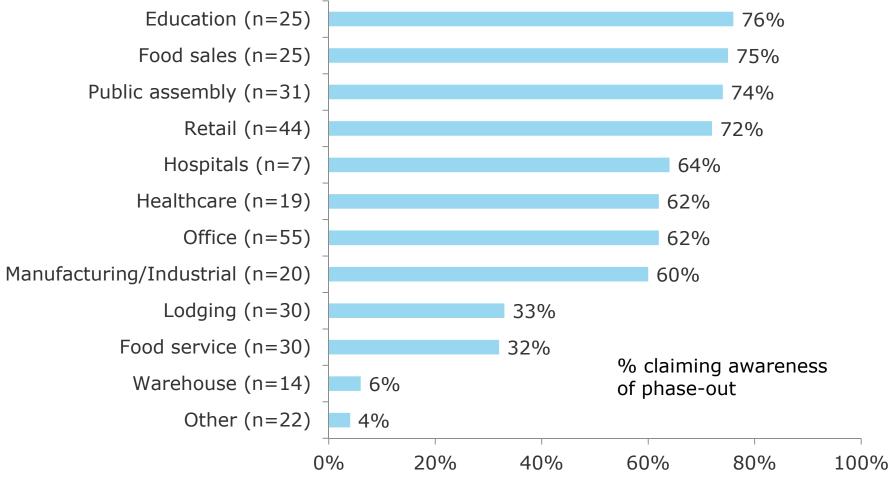
# **Key Findings: How Manufacturers Are Still Producing T12 Lamps**

- Three of the 17 lighting manufacturers said they are still producing T12 lamps
  - But these were 3 of the largest lighting manufacturers
- All three said that they producing T12s with high CRIs (> 87) to comply w/ EPACT
  - Using more rare earth elements like tri-phosphors
  - This was confirmed by some of the lighting distributors
- A policy concern because lamps with higher CRIs have better quality light but are not more EE

## **Key Findings: Awareness of T12 Phase-Out**

- All of the lighting manufacturers, distributors and retail buyers who were familiar with company's LF sales claimed awareness of T12 phase-out
- 76% of home improvement/hardware store managers claimed awareness
- 56% of C&I customers claimed awareness
  - Varied a lot based on C&I sector

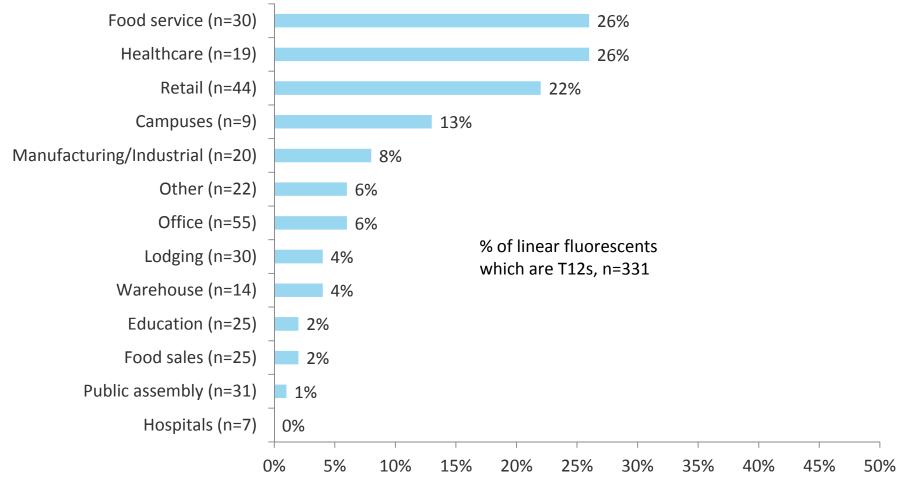
#### **Key Findings: Awareness of T12 Phase-Out Among C&I Customers**



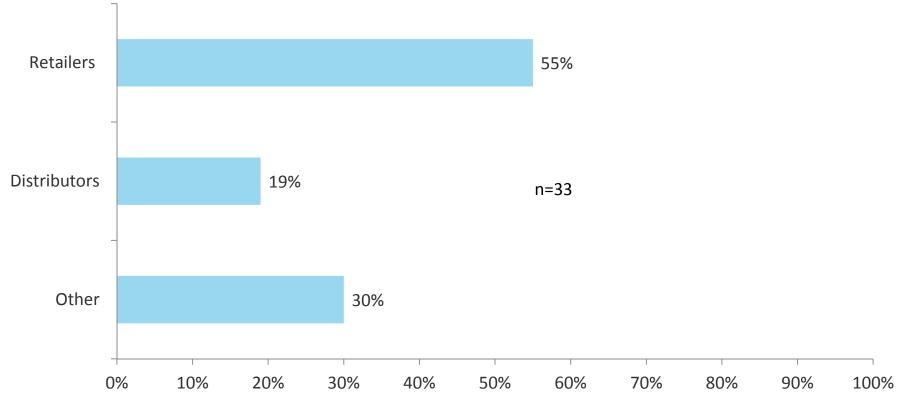
## **Key Findings: Nature of Current T12 Market**

- Difference b/w market for 4' vs. 8' T12s
  - 4' market mostly a residential market
  - 8' market a C&I market
- Who is still buying T12 lamps
  - Residential customers
  - Small C&I customers
  - Retailers & industrial customers who use 8' T12s
  - Small niche commercial markets/applications
    - Auto body shops, high-end clothing retailers
  - Customers in Southeastern states
  - Late adopters

#### **Key Findings: MA C&I Customers Who Have T12 Lamps**

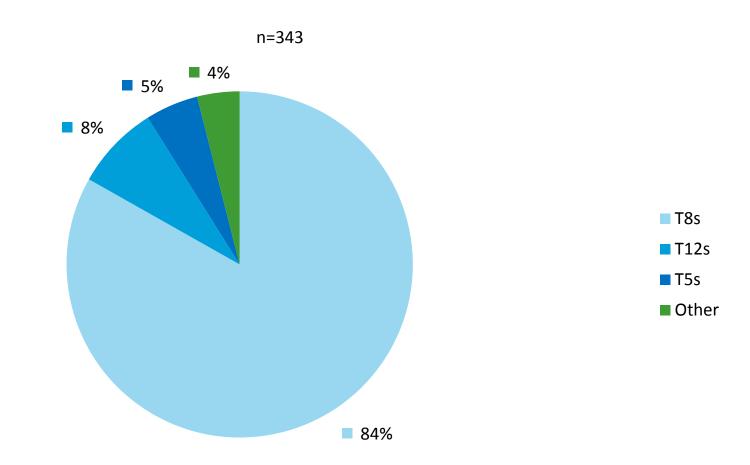


#### **Key Findings: Where C&I Customers Obtain their T12s**

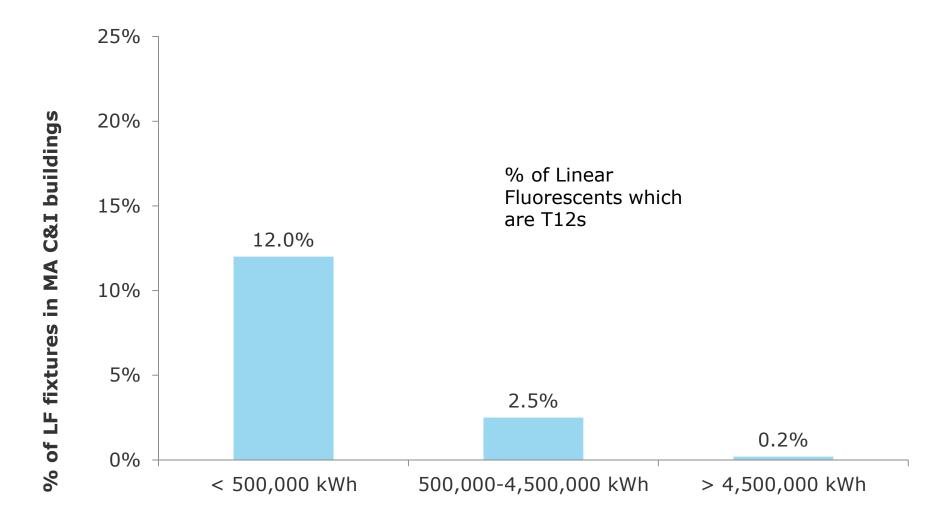


Note: Total exceeds 100% because respondents were allowed to give multiple responses.

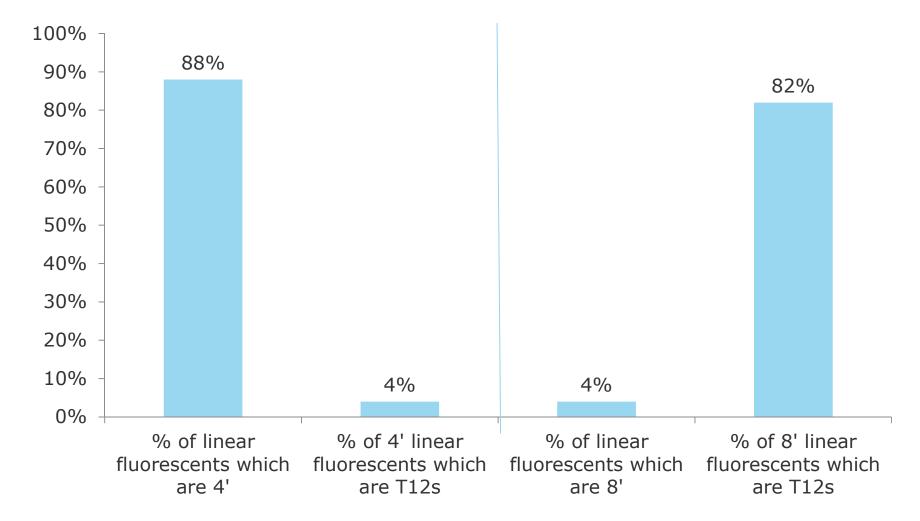
#### **Key Findings: T12 Share of MA Linear Fluorescent Market**



#### Key Findings: T12 Usage by C&I Customer Size



#### Key Findings: T12 Market Share by Lamp Size



#### Conclusions

- MA C&I T12 market is very small (only 4% of installations)
- MA residential market is bigger
  - 76% of home improvement/hardware stores sold T12s
    - T12s accounted for 32% of their LF sales
  - Less expensive for residential customers to buy T12s than have electrician retrofit the fixtures
- In national market T12s have 22% market share based on NEMA data
- T12 market will continue indefinitely
  - 8' T12s can comply with EPACT
  - Some niche demand for higher CRI products
  - Late adopters, small C&I with less capital (SBDI program only reach small %)
  - "Our consumers decide what lamps we want to make," said one manufacturer.

# **Questions?**

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