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Notice of document relocation for: <https://glenwing.github.io/docs/CEA-861-E.pdf>

The **CEA-861-E** standard previously hosted here has been removed due to a [DMCA notice](#) filed by the CTA on May 3, 2019.

An archived version of the document from the CTA website can be accessed here instead:

https://web.archive.org/web/20171130183045/https://standards.cta.tech/kwspub/published_docs/CTA-861-E_FINAL_revised_2017.pdf

This notice (that you are reading right now) has been uploaded in place of the previously hosted standards document, with the same name ("CEA-861-E.pdf") so that any links to the document posted in the past will see this message with the above link, rather than a frustrating 404 error. Apologies for any inconvenience.

The DMCA notice came as a surprise, considering that the CTA had declared their entire library of standards [free to the public](#) over a year prior, and were already hosting a free publicly-accessible copy of this exact document on their own website.

After I removed the PDF file from my Github page and changed the link on my page to simply redirect to their own hosted copy, about six days later they **removed their own copy hosted on their own website**, leaving a dead "Resource not found" page in its place ([here](#)).

The document has apparently been moved to [the new CTA store](#), and is now only accessible by registering an account and logging in, "buying" the standard for \$0.00, and then downloading the PDF to your device in order to view it. This is a bizarre and highly inconvenient system compared to a directly-hosted PDF file which can simply be opened in the browser without requiring any download, account, or faux-purchase.

I suggest that the CTA take lessons from the ITU, which hosts their library of free standards directly as PDFs which can be viewed in the browser ([example](#)). It seems to be working just fine for them, and it can work for you too!

—Glenwing