

**Activities of the IEEE-USA Committee on Communications and Information Policy  
Report to the AESS Board of Governors  
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Policy Statements. Two policy statements have been published by the Committee on Communications and Information Policy (CCIP) since the last Board of Governors meeting:

*Critical Infrastructure Protection and Information Technology*, and *Encryption Policy*. Their full texts can be found at <http://www.ieeeusa.org/committees/CCIP/index.html#positions>.

Activities

One regular meeting was held on March 22, 2002.

The CCIP cosponsored with Cornell University a broadband deployment workshop on June 17-18, 2002 in Washington, D.C. There were over one hundred participants. The workshop ended with a congressional briefing. A set of recommendations is still being developed with respect to the role of the Federal Government in supporting the deployment of infrastructure.

The CCIP continued working on a policy statement regarding *Computer Crime*, which will be jointly published with the Intellectual Policy Committee (IPC).

The *Privacy Online* statement is still under revision. The original revision before September 11, 2001 was very protective of individuals from Government snooping. The philosophy was significantly revised at the March meeting, and no activity has been apparent since then.

A joint CCIP and Energy Policy Committee (EPC) statement on *The Role of Engineers in Formulating Technology-Related Public Policy* was approved by the CCIP and forwarded to the EPC for approval.

A statement *Computer Industry Patents* is under development.

A statement *University Intellectual Property Policy Guidelines* is under development.