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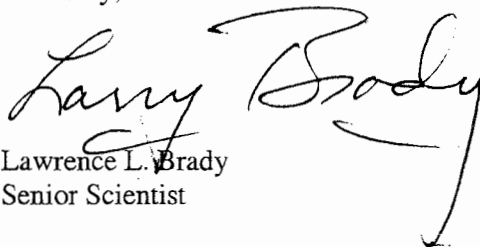
Mr. Murray J. Balk, Chief
Surface Mining Section
Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment
4033 Parkview Drive
Frontenac, KS 66763

Dear Murray:

I have reviewed the information provided with your request for comments on the renewal of permit LN-SM-1207 submitted by Continental Coal, Inc. This permit is for completion of land reclamation activities following termination of coal mining at the Lost Creek Mine in Sec. 18, T. 23 S., R. 24 E., Linn County, Kansas.

It is appropriate that the reclamation be completed on this land following mining of the Mulberry coal. No additional coal is expected to be mined from this permit area, and the reclamation efforts are necessary for compliance with the appropriate state and federal coal mining laws and regulations.

Sincerely,



Lawrence L. Brady
Senior Scientist



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RODERICK L. BREMBY, SECRETARY

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KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

September 1, 2006

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Continental Coal Inc. has submitted an administratively complete application for renewal of permit LN-SM-1207 to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Surface Mining Section. Recovery of coal has been completed and the permit renewal will allow the company to fulfill their reclamation responsibilities.

The precise location of the operation is shown on the attached map. Copies of the complete permit application are on file at the following locations:

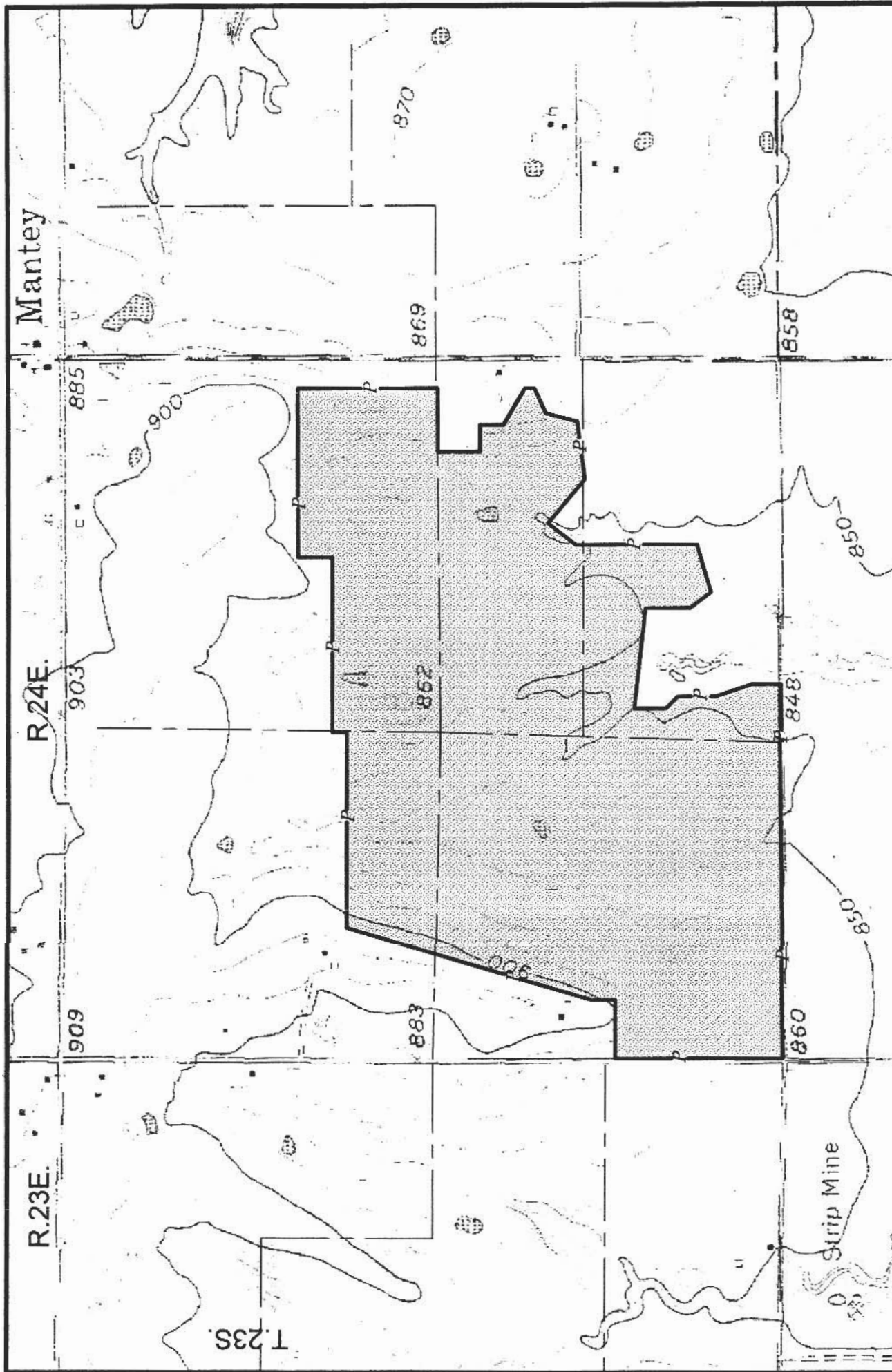
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Linn County Courthouse
Mound City, Kansas 66056

Please provide any comments you may have regarding this permit renewal application no later than **September 18, 2006**. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact this office at (620) 231-8540.

Sincerely,

Murray J. Balk, Chief
Surface Mining Section



Map Date: Sept. 2006

Continental Coal, Inc.
Permit No. LN-SM-1207
Lost Creek Mine

PERMIT MAP

