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NEWS

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SCAQMD Issues Smoke Advisory for Canyon Fire

This advisory is in effect today, Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2017, through Thursday morning, Sept. 28, 2017. SCAQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

A brush fire, named the Canyon Fire, is burning in Orange County near the border of Riverside County, south of the 91 Freeway and west of Green River Road. The burn area is reported to be 2000 acres this morning, with 20 percent containment. Currently, smoke production is relatively low. Winds this morning are light and variable, with smoke impacts mainly near the active fire. By noon, the winds will be from the southwest, possibly bringing some smoke into Riverside County, depending on evolving fire conditions. Winds will become light and variable again tonight, with potential smoke impacts in the communities surrounding the fire. Air quality may reach Unhealthy levels in areas directly impacted by smoke.

Areas of direct smoke impacts and Unhealthy air quality may include portions of:

- Corona/Norco Area – Riverside County (Forecast Area 22); and
- Orange County (Forecast Areas 16, 17, and 19);

All individuals are urged to exercise caution and avoid unnecessary outdoor activities in any area directly impacted by smoke. This includes areas where residents can see or smell smoke.

In any area directly impacted by smoke: Everyone should avoid any vigorous outdoor or indoor exertion; people with respiratory or heart disease, the elderly, and children should remain indoors. Keep windows and doors closed or seek alternate shelter. Run your air conditioner if you have one and keep the fresh air intake closed and the filter clean to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. Avoid using a swamp cooler or whole-house fan to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. To avoid worsening the health effects of wildfire smoke, don't use indoor or outdoor wood-burning appliances, including fireplaces.

SCAQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link:

<ftp://ftp.aqmd.gov/pub/globalist/Advisory.pdf>

To subscribe to air quality alerts, advisories and forecasts by email, go to <http://AirAlerts.org>

To view current air quality conditions by region in an interactive map, see

<http://www3.aqmd.gov/webappl/gisaqi2/home.aspx>

For more tips on avoiding health impacts from smoke, see SCAQMD Fire Safety Alert Factsheets at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/public-information/publications#factsheet>

SCAQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

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