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NEWS

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SCAQMD Issues Smoke Advisory for Fire Burning in the Banning Area

This advisory is in effect today through Wednesday morning. SCAQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

A brush fire, named the Mias Fire, is burning in Riverside County, in the Banning Pass. The burn area this morning was estimated to be 540 acres, with 5% containment. Winds are expected to be from the west, with smoke impacts locally near the fire and moving into the Coachella Valley. Air quality may reach **Unhealthy** levels in areas directly impacted by smoke.

Areas of direct smoke impacts and **Unhealthy** air quality will likely include portions of:

- the Banning Pass Area (Forecast Area 29) and
- the Coachella Valley (Forecast Area 30).

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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