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NEWS

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SCAQMD Continues Smoke Advisory for Fire Burning in the Murrieta Area of Riverside County

This advisory is in effect through Saturday morning, Dec. 9. SCAQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

A brush fire, named the Liberty Fire, is burning in Riverside County near Murrieta. The burn area is currently reported to be approximately 300 acres with 60 percent containment. Strong northeast winds are expected to continue through at least Friday morning bringing smoke into the southwestern portion of Riverside County. Air quality may reach **Unhealthy** levels or higher in areas directly impacted by smoke.

Areas of direct smoke impacts and Unhealthful air quality include portions of:

- Lake Elsinore (Forecast Area 25), and
- Temecula Valley (Forecast Area 26).

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 impacted by smoke: Everyone should avoid any vigorous outdoor or indoor exertion; people with respiratory or heart disease, pregnant women, older adults, 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 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/gisqi2/home.aspx>. *Note that during fires, the displayed AQI may not reflect current conditions in all areas.*
- For more information on avoiding health impacts from smoke, see SCAQMD's Wildfire Smoke & Ash Health & Safety Tips page at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/wildfire-health-info-smoke-tips>

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