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SCAQMD Issues Smoke Advisory Due to Fire in Santa Fe Springs

This advisory is in effect today, March 13, 2017. SCAQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

Air quality in the vicinity of Santa Fe Springs and Whittier has been affected by a structure fire in Santa Fe Springs. The fire is at an industrial building complex and may include a plastics recycling facility. Smoke is currently blowing mainly toward the east and is heaviest near the fire. The fire is largely contained, but if it continues, smoke may settle in the area overnight with relatively weak wind flows. Air quality will likely reach **Unhealthy** levels in areas directly impacted by smoke for significant periods of time.

Depending on evolving conditions, areas of direct smoke impacts and **Unhealthy** air quality will likely include areas of Southeast Los Angeles County (Forecast Area 5) and into the South San Gabriel Valley (Forecast Area 11)

***In any area impacted by smoke:** Everyone should avoid any vigorous outdoor or indoor exertion; people with respiratory or heart disease, 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 fire 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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