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SCAQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory

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

A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect for Tuesday, July 10, 2018 in the Coachella Valley (Riverside County portion of the Salton Sea Air Basin) and in Riverside, San Bernardino and eastern Los Angeles Counties in the South Coast Air Basin. Outflows from thunderstorms over the southwestern U.S. deserts brought airborne dust and sand into the South Coast Air Basin. This has caused Hazardous air quality in the Pomona-Walnut Valley (Forecast Area 10), Coachella Valley (Forecast Area 30), Eastern Riverside County (Area 31), Northwest San Bernardino Valley (Forecast Area 32), Southwest San Bernardino Valley (Forecast Area 33), and West San Bernardino Mountains (Forecast Area 36). PM10 concentrations have reached Very Unhealthy levels in the Metropolitan Riverside County (Forecast Area 23), Perris Valley (Forecast Area 24), Lake Elsinore (Forecast Area 25), Temecula Valley (Forecast Area 26), Anza Valley (Forecast Area 27), and the Hemet/San Jacinto Valley (Forecast Area 28). Other areas throughout Riverside and San Bernardino Counties and through the San Gabriel Valley have experienced Unhealthy PM10 concentrations and additional areas may experience elevated particulate levels as this dust event continues to move through the Basin. The Unhealthful conditions may linger throughout the day on Monday. PM10 concentrations are expected to drop by Tuesday morning.

In areas directly impacted by windblown dust, everyone should avoid any vigorous outdoor or indoor exertion; people with respiratory or heart disease, the elderly, and children should remain indoors.

***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:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/air-quality/advisories/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 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>

For a map of SCAQMD Forecast Areas, see

<http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/map-of-monitoring-areas.pdf>

The 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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