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NEWS

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SCAQMD Issues Smoke Advisory for Fire Burning in the Aliso Canyon and Laguna Beach Area of Orange County

This advisory is in effect through Sunday morning, June 3. SCAQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

A brush fire, named the Aliso Fire, is burning in Orange County near Aliso Viejo and Laguna Beach. The burn area is currently reported to be approximated at 200+ acres with zero percent containment. Light onshore winds are expected to continue through the evening bringing smoke into southern Orange County. Air quality may reach **Unhealthy for Sensitive Group** levels or higher in areas directly impacted by smoke.

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

- Orange County (Areas 19, 20, and 21)

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.