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SCAQMD Continues Windblown Dust & Ash Advisory

Valid Friday, November 9, 2018

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

A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect for Friday, November 9, 2018 for the western portion of San Bernardino County, portions of Riverside County, and Orange County. Strong Santa Ana winds have led to blowing dust, causing unhealthy air quality in the Metropolitan Riverside County (Area 23) and elevated PM10 concentrations in surrounding areas. The 24-hour average PM10 concentrations on Thursday reached 230 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in Area 23, which is in the *Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups* Category. Strong wind gusts of a similar intensity are expected to continue today potentially causing elevated PM10 concentrations throughout the advisory area. In addition, strong winds over the Holy fire burn-scar may lead to areas of blowing ash in southern Orange County.

Strong winds are predicted to subside overnight tonight. Elevated PM10 concentrations are expected to drop by Saturday morning.

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

- Riverside County: Areas 22 (Corona/Norco), 23 (Metropolitan Riverside County), 24 (Perris Valley), 25 (Lake Elsinore Area), 26 (Temecula Valley), 27 (Anza Valley), 28 (Hemet-san Jacinto Valley), 29 (San Geronio Pass), and 30 (Coachella Valley)
- San Bernardino County: Area 33 (Southwest San Bernardino Valley), Area 34 (Central San Bernardino Valley), and Area 35 (East San Bernardino Valley).
- Orange County: Area 16 (Northern Orange County), Area 17 (Central Orange County), Area 18 (North Coastal Orange County), Area 19 (Saddleback Valley), Area 20 (Central Coastal Orange County), and Area 21 (Capistrano Valley)



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.

- **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**
www.AirAlerts.org
- **To view current air quality conditions by region in an interactive map, see**
<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=dd4a15deed8647edacb14f140ca83d05>
- **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.