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## **South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for the Coachella Valley**

**Valid Wed., May 15 — Fri. May 17, 2019**

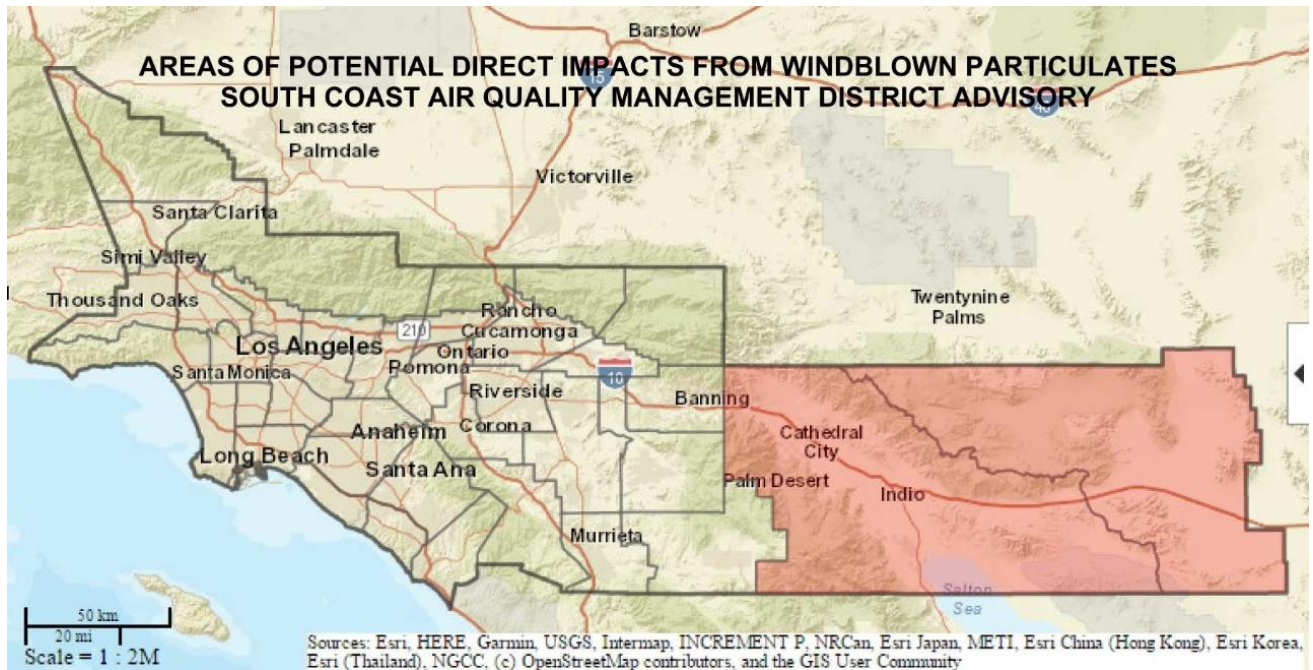
*This advisory is in effect through Friday morning. South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.*

A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect for Wednesday, May 15, 2019 through the morning of Friday, May 17, 2019 for the Coachella Valley. Strong southwesterly to westerly winds are predicted across the region starting tonight Wednesday, May 15 through Friday, May 17 and may result in Unhealthy air quality in the Coachella Valley (Area 30) and East Riverside County (Area 31) due to blowing dust.

The National Weather Service (NWS) has posted a wind advisory for portions of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, including the Coachella Valley. Westerly winds are expected to increase in strength on Wednesday night with the highest wind gusts occurring during the afternoon and evening hours of Thursday. This could lead to blowing dust and sand in the advisory areas. Wind speeds will begin to decrease throughout Friday. Additional areas in Riverside County may experience elevated particulate levels during this wind event.

Areas of direct impacts and unhealthful air quality may include portions of:

- Riverside County: Coachella Valley (Area 30), East Riverside County (Area 31)



In areas directly impacted by windblown dust: Limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed and avoiding vigorous physical activity.

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