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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Coachella Valley and East Riverside County

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This advisory is in effect through tonight. South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available. A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect for Tuesday, March 21, 2019. Strong west to northwest winds with gusts to 55 mph in wind prone areas are predicted. Areas of blowing sand and dust are expected in the afternoon and evening with local visibility of one quarter mile or less during the evening hours. These 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. Winds are expected to decrease after 11 PM.

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.

South Coast AQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link: <u>http://www.aqmd.gov/advisory</u>

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 <u>http://www.aqmd.gov/aqimap</u>

Air quality forecasts are available at http://www.aqmd.gov/aqdata

For South Coast AQMD Daily Rule 403.1 High Wind Forecasts for the Coachella Valley call (909) 396-2399 or 1-800-CUT-SMOG

For a map of South Coast AQMD Forecast Areas, see http://www.aqmd.gov/ForecastAreas

The South Coast AQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

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