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Award-Winning Air Quality App now available in Spanish, first agency in California

App Now includes Info on UV Index and Access to South Coast AQMD videos

DIAMOND BAR—The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) today announced the launch of the Spanish version of its award-winning smartphone application. This is the first government agency in California to provide air quality information in Spanish to residents.

"Los Angeles County has the largest Spanish-speaking population of any county in the United States," said Wayne Nastri, South Coast AQMD's Executive Officer. "It is important that we provide access to air quality information that can have a direct impact to the millions of residents who live in the air district."

The app features interactive maps of the South Coast Air Basin showing current and forecasted air quality conditions that can be set for multiple cities, such as work, home, and frequently visited places, all at the same time. The app also allows users to get alerts when air quality changes in your area or for health alerts due to events such as smoke from wildfires.

Additional features include locations for alternative fueling, agency announcements, public events, meetings, and workshops. Recent enhancements now allow live streaming of events and archived videos directly from your phone. Other featured upgrades include atmospheric information such as UV index, humidity, and wind.

Pressing the app's 1-800-CUT-SMOG button will place a call to the South Coast AQMD's 24-hour complaint hotline where users can report smoking vehicles, other air quality complaints and businesses with air quality permits can report equipment breakdowns.

The South Coast AQMD app won two awards at the Government Technology (GovTech) and AT&T Special Districts award ceremony back in March. The app itself was recognized for technology innovation in the "Citizens Category" while South Coast AQMD's Chief Information Officer, Ron Moskowitz, was recognized in the "Leadership Category."

The app is free and available on Android and Apple devices, including the Apple Watch. The apps can be found in the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store.

South Coast AQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties, including the Coachella Valley. For news, air quality alerts, event updates and more, please visit us at www.aqmd.gov, download our award-winning app, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



