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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Portions of Riverside County

Valid: Friday, June 5, 2020 through Sunday, June 7, 2020

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

A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect for Friday, June 5, 2020 through the morning of Sunday, June 7, 2020. Strong winds from the west with wind speeds of 20 to 30 mph (gusts up to 55 mph) are predicted by the National Weather Service (NWS) for Friday evening through Sunday morning. Areas of blowing sand and blowing dust are predicted throughout this wind event, which may result in **Hazardous** Air Quality Index (AQI) levels for portions of Riverside County east of Banning.

The NWS has posted a wind advisory for portions of Riverside County. The NWS wind advisory expires at 5:00 a.m. on Sunday. For information regarding the NWS advisory, please visit the NWS San Diego (<u>https://www.weather.gov/sgx/</u>) website.

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

• **Riverside County:** San Gorgonio Pass (Area 29), 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>www.aqmd.gov/advisory</u>
- 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 http://www.aqmd.gov/aqimap
- For real-time air quality information, maps, notifications and health alerts in your area, download our award-winning South Coast AQMD app at: www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp
- Air quality forecasts are available at http://www.aqmd.gov/forecast
- 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 <u>http://www.aqmd.gov/ForecastAreas</u>.

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 <u>www.aqmd.gov</u>, download our award-winning app, or follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.