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

Valid: Friday, November 6 through Saturday, November 7, 2020

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

A Windblown Dust and Ash Advisory is in effect for Friday, November 6, 2020 through the afternoon of Saturday, November 7, 2020 in the San Gorgonio Pass area and the Coachella Valley. As of Friday afternoon, winds were from the west and wind gusts were between 20 -40 mph in the area. Strong winds from the west and southwest lasting through Sunday evening with gusts up to 50 mph are predicted by the National Weather Service (NWS). Isolated gusts 60 to 70 mph are possible. Areas of blowing sand, and dust are predicted throughout this wind event, which may result in **Unhealthy** or higher AQI levels at times for portions of Riverside County.

The NWS has posted Wind Advisories for portions of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. NWS Wind Advisories expire at 10:00 p.m. on Sunday. For information regarding the NWS advisories, please visit the NWS San Diego (<https://www.weather.gov/sgx/>).

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

Overall, PM10 concentrations are expected to be elevated at times in portions of Riverside County due to the wind event. Air quality may reach **Unhealthy** or higher levels in areas directly impacted by dust. Areas of direct impacts and poor air quality may include portions of:

- **Riverside County:** San Gorgonio Pass (Area 29), Coachella Valley (Area 30)



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

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