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## South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory

Valid: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 through Wednesday, September 9, 2020

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

A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect for Tuesday, September 8, 2020 and Wednesday September 9, 2020. Strong winds from the north with gusts to 55 mph are predicted by the National Weather Service (NWS) for Tuesday afternoon and evening. While gusts are predicted to diminish to 40 mph on Tuesday evening, winds still may be strong enough to produce elevated dust concentrations. Areas of blowing sand and blowing dust are predicted throughout this wind event, which may result in Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher AQI levels in the San Bernardino area, through San Gorgonio Pass, and the Coachella Valley. Note that active wildfires and summer ozone pollution may generate Unhealthy or higher AQI levels in San Bernardino Area.

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

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

- Riverside County: San Gorgonio Pass (Area 29), Coachella Valley (Area 30)
- San Bernardino County: Northwest San Bernardino Valley (Area 32), Southwest San Bernardino Valley (Area 33), Central San Bernardino Valley (Area 34), East San Bernardino Valley (Area 35)



- 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
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- Air quality forecasts are available at <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/forecast">http://www.aqmd.gov/forecast</a>
- 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 <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/ForecastAreas">http://www.aqmd.gov/ForecastAreas</a>.

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