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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Portions of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties

Valid: Wednesday January 29, 2020 through Friday January 31, 2020

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

A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect for Wednesday, January 29, 2020 through the morning of Friday, January 31. Santa Ana winds are impacting the region with gusts of 35 – 50 mph currently being recorded in portions of the basin. As of 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, dust was visible in satellite and webcam imagery in the Coachella Valley. PM10 concentrations have increased in the Inland Empire and the Coachella Valley, resulting in **Very Unhealthy** AQI levels.

Santa Ana winds from the north and northeast with gusts up to 50 – 70 mph are predicted by the National Weather Service (NWS). This wind event is expected to continue through Friday morning. Santa Ana winds are predicted to be the strongest and most widespread on Wednesday evening through Thursday morning. Areas of blowing sand and blowing dust are predicted during this Santa Ana wind event, which may result in **Unhealthy** or higher AQI levels for portions of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

The NWS has posted high wind warnings and wind advisories for portions of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. NWS high wind warnings and wind advisories currently expire at 12 p.m. on Friday. For information regarding the NWS warnings, please visit the NWS Los Angeles/Oxnard (<https://www.weather.gov/lox/>) and San Diego (<https://www.weather.gov/sgx/>) websites.

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 in portions of Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties due to the Santa Ana 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:** Corona-Norco (Area 22), Metropolitan Riverside County (Area 23), Perris Valley (Area 24), Hemet-San Jacinto Valley (Area 28), San Gorgonio Pass (Area 29), Coachella Valley (Area 30), East Riverside County (Area 31)
- **San Bernardino County:** Central San Bernardino Valley (Area 34), East San Bernardino Valley (Area 35)



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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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