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South Coast AQMD Continues Smoke Advisory Due to Palisades Fire

Valid: Tuesday, May 18 through Wednesday, May 19, 2021

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

A wildfire named the Palisades Fire is burning in Topanga State Park northwest of Santa Monica in Los Angeles County. As of 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, the burn area was reported at 1158 acres with 32% containment. Current information on the Palisades Fire can be found on the Los Angeles County Fire Department's Twitter handle at <https://twitter.com/LACoFDPIO>.

Past and Current Smoke and Ash Impacts

The Palisades Fire is still actively producing smoke on Tuesday morning based on webcam imagery. Since Sunday afternoon, low-cost sensors in the coastal areas of the Los Angeles County near West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, and Topanga recorded **Good to Moderate** Air Quality Index (AQI) levels. The South Coast AQMD's regulatory monitor and low-cost sensors in the San Fernando Valley near Tarzana and Reseda recorded **Good to Unhealthy** Air Quality Index (AQI) levels. Visit <https://www.aqmd.gov/aqdata> to view current air quality conditions.

In any area impacted by smoke: If you smell smoke or see ash due to a wildfire, limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed or seeking alternate shelter, and avoiding vigorous physical activity. For more tips on protecting yourself during a wildfire, see South Coast AQMD's Wildfire Smoke & Ash Health & Safety Tips page: <http://www.aqmd.gov/wildfire-health-info-smoke-tips>.

Forecasted Smoke and Ash Impacts

Areas downwind of the Palisades Fire will experience the highest AQI levels due to smoke impacts. Smoke and ash impacts will be highly variable in both timing and location through Wednesday.

- **Tuesday afternoon:** Southwest winds near the Palisades Fire will push smoke northeast into the mountains in the Topanga State Park and cities in the San Fernando Valley. The PM2.5

concentrations in Reseda, Tarzana, Encino, and Van Nuys may increase on Tuesday afternoon.

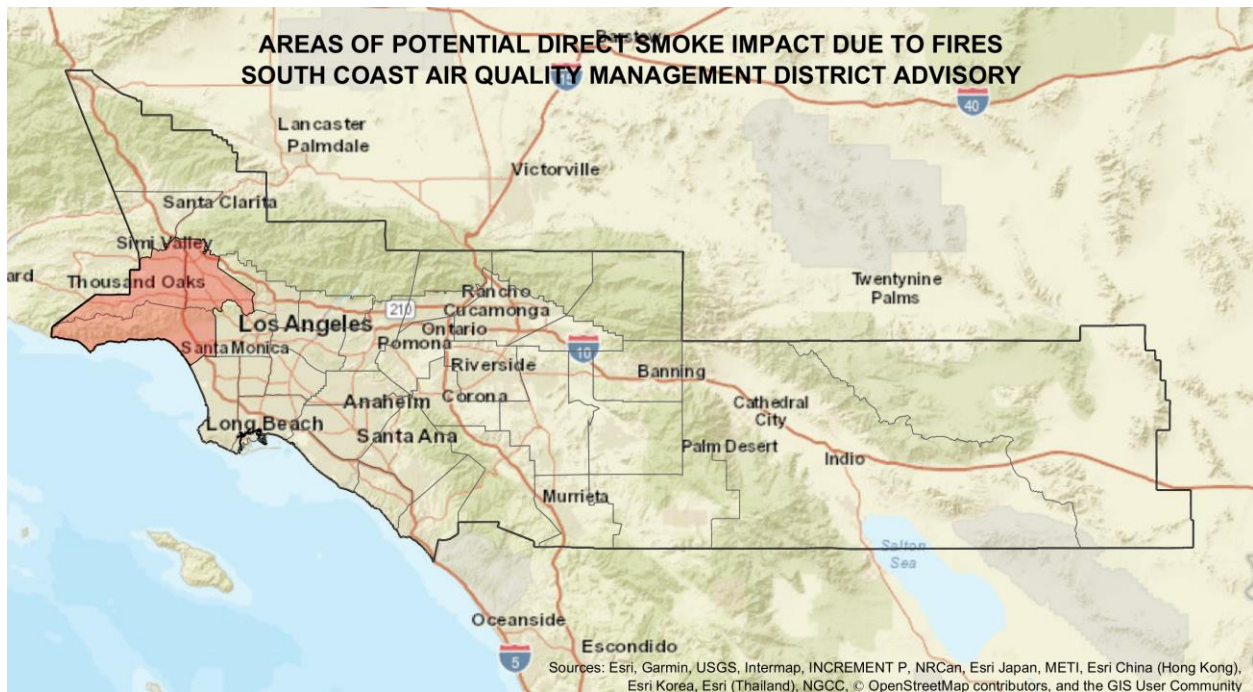
- **Tuesday evening through Wednesday morning:** West and south winds near the Palisades Fire will push smoke east and north into the mountains in the Topanga State Park and cities east and north of the mountains. The PM2.5 concentrations in Reseda, Tarzana, and Van Nuys may increase Tuesday evening through Wednesday morning. Areas east and northeast of the Palisades Fire, as well as areas in direct proximity to the fires, will likely see the highest particulate matter levels overnight as smoke is likely to remain closer to the ground.
- **Wednesday afternoon:** Southwest winds near the Palisades Fire will push smoke northeast into the mountains in the Topanga State Park and cities in the San Fernando Valley. The PM2.5 concentrations in Tarzana, Encino, and Van Nuys may increase on Wednesday afternoon.

Extended Smoke Outlook: Smoke impacts will be heavily dependent on the progress of fire containment efforts. As firefighters continue to make progress against the fire, smoke impacts will decrease and become more localized. The South Coast Air Quality Management District will continue to provide daily smoke advisory updates until air quality impacts subside.

Overall, meteorological conditions may bring smoke and ash into portions of Los Angeles County with localized impacts near the Palisades Fire. **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher AQI levels due to PM2.5 concentrations are possible in areas of direct smoke impacts.

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

- **Los Angeles County:** Northwest Coastal LA County (Area 2), West San Fernando Valley (Area 6), East San Fernando Valley (Area 7)



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