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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Portions of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties

Valid Wednesday February 24, 2021 through Thursday February 25, 2021

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

A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect from the evening of Wednesday, February 24, 2021 through the evening of Thursday, February 25, 2021. High wind warnings have been issued by the National Weather Service starting Wednesday evening at 10:00 PM through Thursday afternoon at 12:00 PM throughout the South Coast Air Basin. Winds from the northeast with gusts up to 70 mph are expected in the mountains and foothills. Areas of blowing dust and sand are predicted throughout this wind event, which may result in **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher Air Quality Index (AQI) levels in the South Coast Air Basin and the Eastern Coachella Valley. Localized areas of blowing ash are possible in areas near the 2020 wildfire burn scars.

The NWS has posted High Wind Warnings for portions of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties from Wednesday evening through Thursday afternoon. For information regarding the NWS warnings, please visit the NWS San Diego (<https://www.weather.gov/sgx/>) and NWS Los Angeles (<https://www.weather.gov/lox/>) websites.

In areas directly impacted by windblown dust and ash: 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 the South Coast Air Basin and the Eastern Coachella Valley due to the Santa Ana wind event. Air quality may reach **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher AQI levels in areas directly impacted by dust and ash.

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

- **Riverside County:** Metropolitan Riverside County (Area 23), Perris Valley (Area 24), San Gorgonio Pass (Area 29), Coachella Valley (Area 30)
- **San Bernardino County:** Northwest San Bernardino Valley (Area 32), 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:

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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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