



# SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Portions of the Eastern South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley**

**Valid Sunday May 16, 2021 through Monday May 17, 2021**

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

A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect on Sunday and Monday due to predicted high winds.

The National Weather Service (NWS) has posted a Wind Advisory for portions of the eastern South Coast Air Basin and the Coachella Valley that is in effect from Sunday at 5:00 AM through Monday at 8:00 AM. For information regarding the NWS advisory, visit the NWS San Diego (<https://www.weather.gov/sgx/>) website.

Winds of 25 to 35 mph from the west with gusts up to 60 mph are expected in the Coachella Valley and areas near the San Geronio Pass. 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 throughout the affected area. Localized areas of blowing ash are possible in areas near the 2020 wildfire burn scars.

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

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



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

- South Coast AQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link: [www.aqmd.gov/advisory](http://www.aqmd.gov/advisory)
- To subscribe to air quality alerts, advisories and forecasts by email, go to [www.AirAlerts.org](http://www.AirAlerts.org)
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- 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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