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

Valid Tuesday March 30, 2021 through Wednesday March 31, 2021

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

A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect on Tuesday March 30, 2021 due to predicted high winds.

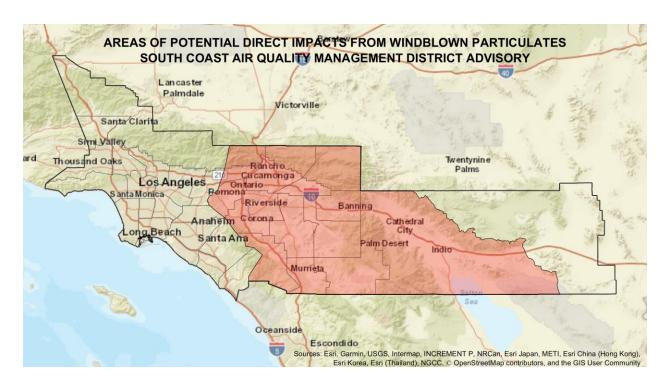
The National Weather Service (NWS) has posted a High Wind Warning for portions of the eastern South Coast Air Basin that is in effect from Tuesday morning at 6:00 AM through Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 PM. For information regarding the NWS warnings, please visit the NWS San Diego (https://www.weather.gov/sgx/) website.

Santa Ana Winds from the east with gusts up to 55 mph are expected in the mountains and deserts. 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 Inland Empire, San Bernardino County and Riverside County Mountains, the San Gorgonio Pass area, and the Eastern Coachella Valley. Localized areas of blowing ash are possible in areas near the 2020 wildfire burn scars.

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.

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), Lake Elsinore (Area 25), Temecula Valley (Area 26), Anza Valley (Area 27), Hemet-San Jacinto Valley (Area 28), 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), West San Bernardino Mountains (Area 36), Central San Bernardino Mountains (Area 37), East San Bernardino Mountains (Area 38)



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- South Coast AQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link: <u>www.aqmd.gov/advisory</u>
- 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.

South Coast AQMD is the air pollution control agency for major portions of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside counties, including the Coachella Valley. For news, air quality alerts, event updates and more, please visit us at www.aqmd.gov, download our award-winning app, or follow us on <a href="majorevent-agents-ag