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

Valid: Monday October 11, 2021 through Tuesday October 12, 2021

A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect until Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM due to high winds throughout the entire South Coast AQMD jurisdiction. As of Monday evening, high winds are resulting in blowing dust throughout most of the region leading to **Hazardous, Very Unhealthy**, and **Unhealthy** Air Quality Index (AQI) levels in portions of the South Coast Air Basin, the Coachella Valley, and eastern Riverside County.

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

The National Weather Service (NWS) has posted wind advisories, high wind warnings, and blowing dust advisories throughout the region. For information regarding the NWS warnings, please visit the NWS San Diego (<https://www.weather.gov/sgx/>) and the NWS Los Angeles (<https://www.weather.gov/lox/>) websites.

Poor air quality is expected to continue until winds subside during the morning hours on Tuesday. Levels of particulate matter can vary hour by hour and by location depending on wind conditions.

Exposure to high particle pollution levels can cause serious health problems, including asthma attacks, heart and lung disease symptoms, and increased risk of respiratory infections. People with heart or lung diseases should follow their doctor's advice for dealing with episodes of unhealthy air quality. Children, older adults, and people with respiratory or heart disease should avoid prolonged exposure and strenuous activities when particle pollution levels are high.



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- South Coast AQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link: www.aqmd.gov/advisory
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- For a map of South Coast AQMD Forecast Areas, see <http://www.aqmd.gov/ForecastAreas>.

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