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## South Coast AQMD Issues a Windblown Dust Advisory for Portions of Riverside County

## Valid: Saturday October 22 through Sunday October 23, 2022

This advisory is in effect through 8 a.m. Sunday. South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect from 11 a.m. Saturday through 8 a.m. Sunday due to dust from high winds. High winds in the Banning Pass, Coachella Valley, San Diego County deserts, and Imperial County will result in airborne dust in the Coachella Valley, Banning Pass, and Eastern Riverside County. Airborne dust may result in **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** and higher Air Quality Index (AQI) levels from Saturday afternoon through Sunday morning. Air quality can vary hour by hour and by location depending on wind conditions.

For more information about Wind Advisories and High Wind Warnings that have been issued by the National Weather Service, visit the NWS office websites at <u>www.weather.gov/sgx</u> and <u>www.weather.gov/psr</u>.

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

• Riverside County: San Gorgonio Pass (Area 29), Coachella Valley (Area 30), East Riverside County (Area 31)



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**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: <u>http://www.aqmd.gov/advisory</u>
- To subscribe to air quality alerts, advisories, and forecasts by email, go to <u>http://AirAlerts.org</u>
- To view current air quality conditions by region in an interactive map, see <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/aqimap">http://www.aqmd.gov/aqimap</a>
- For real-time air quality information, maps, notifications, and health alerts in your area, download our awardwinning South Coast AQMD app at: <u>http://www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp</u>
- Air quality forecasts are available at <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/forecast">http://www.aqmd.gov/forecast</a>
- 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 <u>http://www.aqmd.gov/ForecastAreas</u>

South Coast AQMD is the regulatory agency responsible for improving air quality for large areas of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, including the Coachella Valley. For news, air quality alerts, event updates and more, please visit us at <u>www.aqmd.gov</u>, download our award-winning app, or follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

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