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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for San Gorgonio Pass, Coachella Valley and East Riverside County

Valid Monday April 3, 2023 through Tuesday April 4, 2023

This advisory is in effect through Tuesday at 10 AM. South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available

A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect from 5 AM Monday through 10 AM on Tuesday morning due to strong winds in the San Gorgonio Pass, Coachella Valley, and Eastern Riverside County. As of Sunday morning, the National Weather Service (NWS) has posted High Wind Warnings and Wind Advisories in the region. Visit the NWS San Diego (<https://www.weather.gov/sgx/>) and NWS Phoenix (<https://www.weather.gov/psr/>) websites for information regarding these high wind warnings and advisories.

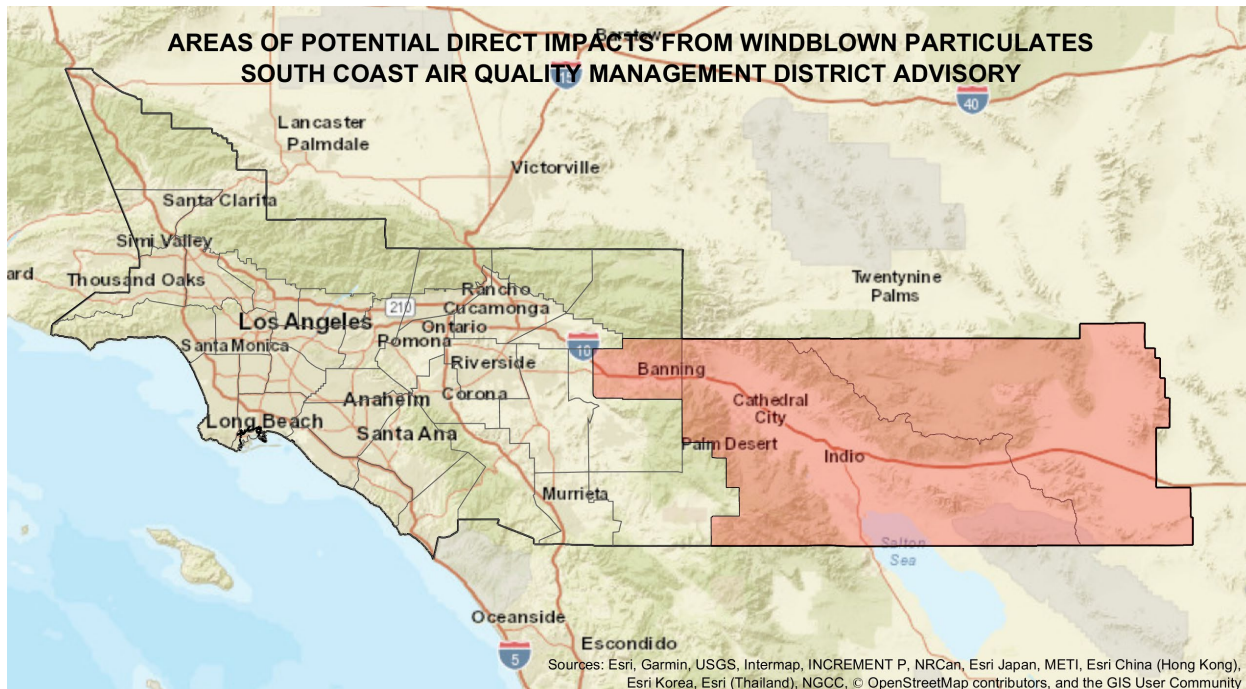
High winds can lift dust and soil and lead to poor air quality. Blowing dust may result in Air Quality Index (AQI) levels that are Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or worse. Air quality can vary hour by hour and by location depending on wind conditions.

In areas directly impacted by high levels of windblown dust, limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed and avoiding vigorous physical activity. Run an air purifier if you have one and avoid using whole house fans or swamp coolers that bring in outside air.

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.

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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- South Coast AQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link: <http://www.aqmd.gov/advisory>
- To subscribe to air quality alerts, advisories and forecasts by email, go to <http://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: <http://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 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 www.aqmd.gov, download our award-winning app, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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