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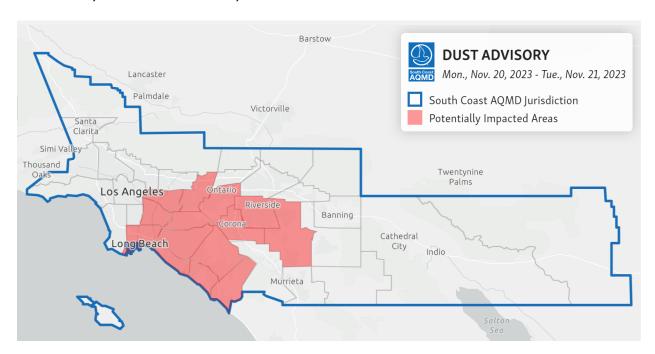
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## South Coast AQMD Issues a Windblown Dust Advisory for the Long Beach area, the Inland Empire and Orange County

Valid Monday 12:00 PM until Tuesday 10:00 AM



• High Santa Ana winds have led to poor air quality throughout the Long Beach area, Orange County and the Inland Empire since early Monday morning.

To view current air quality in your neighborhood, download the <u>South Coast AQMD app</u> or visit www.aqmd.gov/AQImap.

## **Forecasted Air Quality Impacts**

- Periods of elevated particle pollution (PM10) levels in the Long Beach area, the Inland Empire and Orange County are expected to continue until Tuesday morning
- Blowing dust may result in Air Quality Index (AQI) levels that are Very Unhealthy or worse
- High PM10 levels in the region are a result of gusty Santa Ana winds, which can lift dust and soil into the air
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions
- As of Monday morning, the National Weather Service (NWS) has posted Wind Advisories and High Wind Warnings across the area. Visit the NWS San Diego <a href="www.weather.gov/sgx">www.weather.gov/sgx</a> and NWS Los Angeles <a href="www.weather.gov/lox">www.weather.gov/lox</a> websites for more information

## If you are in an area impacted by windblown dust or ash:

- Limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed or seeking alternate shelter.
- Avoid vigorous physical activity.
- Run your air conditioning and/or an air purifier. If possible, do **not** use swamp coolers or whole house fans that bring in outside air.
- Help minimize dust pollution by stabilizing loose soils and slowing down if driving on dirt roads.

For more information, see the EPA Guide for Particle Pollution (PDF).

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 <a href="https://www.aqmd.gov">www.aqmd.gov</a>, download our award-winning app, or follow us on <a href="facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="mailto:X">X</a> (formerly known as Twitter) and <a href="mailto:Instagram">Instagram</a>.