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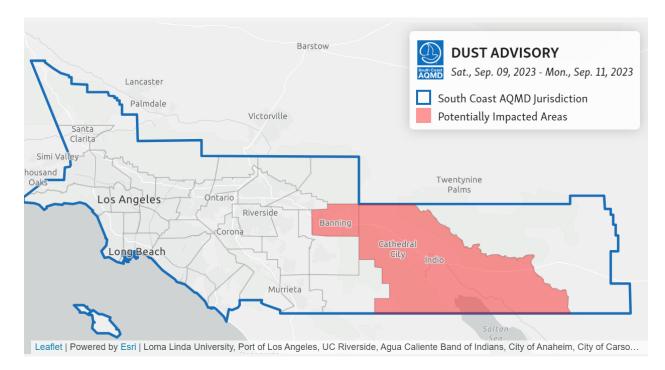
South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for the Coachella Valley and San Gorgonio Pass

Valid Saturday 2:00 PM until Monday 7:00 AM

Current conditions

 Winds on Saturday morning gusted to 15 mph and resulted Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI levels

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



Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect from 2 PM Saturday through 7 AM Monday due to gusty winds in the San Gorgonio Pass and Coachella Valley
- 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

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 www.aqmd.gov, download our award-winning app, or follow us on Facebook, X (formerly known as Twitter) and Instagram.