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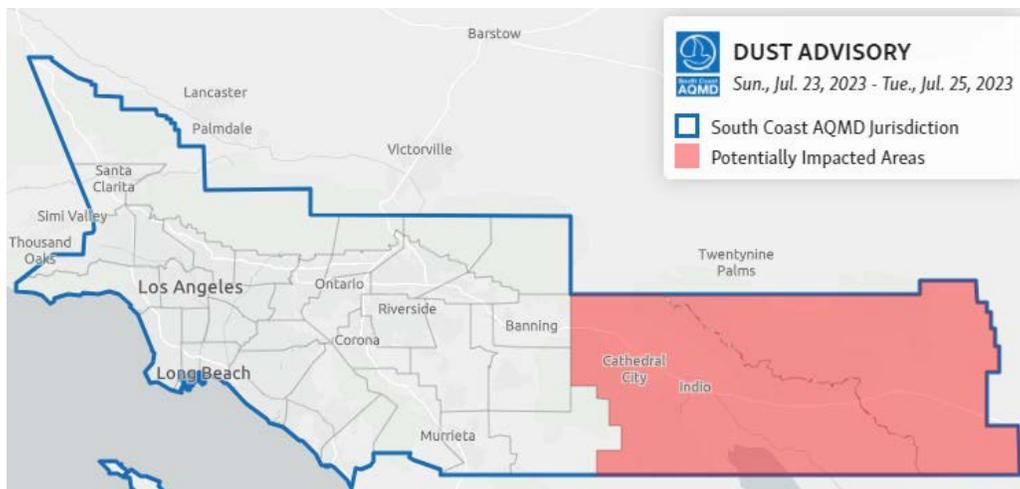
South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory due to High Winds in the Coachella Valley

Valid until Tuesday, July 25, 2023, 12:00 p.m.

Current Conditions

- On Sunday, the monsoonal convection was causing high winds in Coachella Valley. As of 6 p.m. on Sunday, the highest observed wind speed was 14 MPH, with gusts up to 24 MPH.
- PM10 concentrations measured by regulatory monitors in Mecca and Palm Springs reached **Unhealthy** and **Very Unhealthy** AQI levels from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

To view current air quality in your neighborhood, download the [South Coast AQMDapp](#) or visit www.aqmd.gov/AQImap.



Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect from 6 p.m. Sunday through 12 p.m. Tuesday due to strong winds in the Coachella Valley and Eastern Riverside County.
- 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.
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If you are in an area impacted by windblown dust or ash

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- For more information, visit www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety.

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