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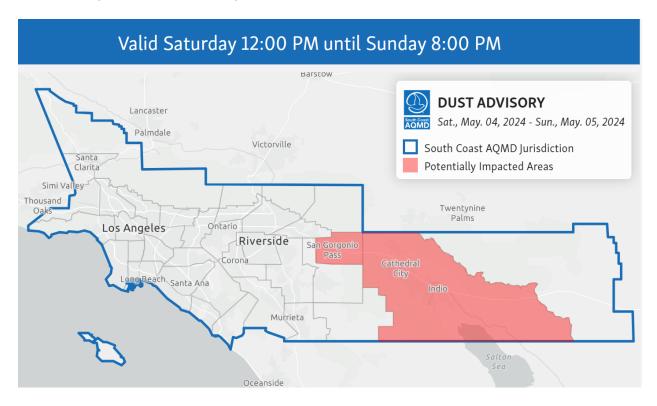
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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for the San Gorgonio Pass area and the Coachella Valley

Valid Saturday 12:00 PM until Sunday 8:00 PM



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Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued Wind Advisories for the San Gorgonio Pass area and the Coachella Valley, see the San Diego NWS Office for more information
- High winds can lift dust and soil into the air, resulting in high particle pollution levels

 AQI is expected to reach Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI levels or higher at times in the Coachella Valley and Banning Pass

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.