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Eaton and Palisades Air Monitoring Update

DIAMOND BAR – The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) continues its expanded air monitoring efforts in response to ongoing debris removal efforts near the Eaton and Palisades fire areas. Air monitoring will provide data for particulate matter (PM2.5 and PM10), air toxics (such as lead and arsenic), and asbestos in communities near the burn zones.

The public within and near the Eaton and Palisades burn areas is strongly encouraged to follow the <u>safety</u> <u>precautions</u> outlined by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to minimize the potential risk of exposure to ash, soot, and fire debris. Strong winds can carry ash and soot over a wider area, increasing the potential for exposure, so it is especially important to take extra care during weather fluctuations and windy conditions.

Monitoring Site	Sample Date	Air Toxics	Asbestos	Continuous PM2.5/PM10
Near Altadena Golf Course	3/2/2025	All air toxic metals are within background levels	Not Detected	To date, continuous PM2.5 and PM10 data were below federal standards
	3/5/2025	All air toxic metals are within background levels	Detected	
	3/8/2025	Sample is being analyzed	Not Detected	
Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church	3/2/2025	Invalid Sample	Not Detected	
	3/5/2025	All air toxic metals are within background levels	Detected	
	3/8/2025	Sample is being analyzed	Not Detected	
Fire Station 11	3/2/2025	All air toxic metals are within background levels	Not Detected	
	3/5/2025	All air toxic metals are within background levels	Not Detected	
	3/8/2025	Sample is being analyzed	Not Detected	

EATON AIR MONITORING RESULTS (March 2-8, 2025)

PALISADES AIR MONITORING RESULTS (March 2-5, 2025)

Monitoring Site	Sample Date	Air Toxics	Asbestos	Continuous PM2.5/PM10
Near Will Rogers State Beach	3/2/2025	Some air toxic metals such as arsenic and manganese were above background levels, but do not pose an immediate health risk	Not Detected	To date, continuous PM2.5 and PM10 data were below federal standards
	3/5/2025	All air toxic metals are within background levels	Not Detected	
	3/8/2025	Sample is being analyzed	Not Detected	
Fire Station 69	3/5/2025	All air toxic metals, but selenium, were within background levels, but do not pose an immediate health risk	Not Detected	
	3/8/2025	Sample is being analyzed	Not Detected	

All available data can be found at: <u>www.aqmd.gov/lawildfires</u> or directly on the data dashboard at: <u>https://xappp.aqmd.gov/WildFireMonitoring</u>

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