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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust and Ash Advisory for the South Coast Air Basin and the Eastern Coachella Valley

Valid: Monday, January 18, 2021 through Tuesday, January 19, 2021

This advisory is in effect through Tuesday evening. South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect from the evening of Monday, January 18, 2021 through the evening of Tuesday, January 19, 2021 due to strong winds expected throughout the region. The strongest winds, up to 80 mph, are expected in the mountains and foothills of the South Coast Air Basin. Some coastal areas may see wind gusts up to 60 mph on Tuesday. The Coachella Valley is expected to have gusts up to 45 mph on Monday night and up to 50 mph on Tuesday. Areas of blowing sand and blowing dust are predicted throughout this wind event, which may result in **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher Air Quality Index (AQI) levels in the South Coast Air Basin and the Eastern Coachella Valley. Localized areas of blowing ash are possible in areas downwind of the 2020 wildfire burn scars.

As of Sunday afternoon, the National Weather Service (NWS) has posted High Wind Watches for portions of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties from Monday evening through Tuesday night. For information regarding the NWS watches, please visit the NWS San Diego (<https://www.weather.gov/sgx/>) and NWS Los Angeles (<https://www.weather.gov/lox/>) websites.
In areas directly impacted by windblown dust: Limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed and avoiding vigorous physical activity.

Overall, PM10 concentrations are expected to be elevated at times in portions of the South Coast Air Basin and the Eastern Coachella Valley due to the Santa Ana wind event. Air quality may reach **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher AQI levels in areas directly impacted by dust and ash.



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- South Coast AQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link: www.aqmd.gov/advisory
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- Air quality forecasts are available at <http://www.aqmd.gov/forecast>
- For a map of South Coast AQMD Forecast Areas, see <http://www.aqmd.gov/ForecastAreas>.

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