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South Coast AQMD Issues Smoke Advisory Due to Fairview Fire in South of Hemet

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

A wildfire named the Fairview Fire is burning South of Hemet near Fairview Avenue and Bautista Road. As of 5:07 pm on Monday, the burn area was reported at 500 acres with 0% containment. Current information on the Fairview Fire can be found on CAL Fire at <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2022/9/5/fairview-fire/>.

Past and Current Smoke and Ash Impacts

The Fairview Fire is actively producing smoke on Monday afternoon based on satellite imagery, webcam imagery, and social media posts. The smoke plume is rising vertically and moving towards the west. At 5 pm on Monday, the low-cost sensor in Hemet recorded **Good** Air Quality Index (AQI) levels. Visit <https://www.aqmd.gov/aqdata> to view current air quality conditions.

In any area impacted by smoke: If you smell smoke or see ash due to a wildfire, limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed or seeking alternate shelter, and avoiding vigorous physical activity. For more tips on protecting yourself during a wildfire, see South Coast AQMD's Wildfire Smoke & Ash Health & Safety Tips page: <http://www.aqmd.gov/wildfire-health-info-smoke-tips>

Forecasted Smoke and Ash Impacts

Areas immediately adjacent to the Fairview Fire will experience the highest AQI levels due to smoke impacts. Smoke and ash impacts will be highly variable in both timing and location through Tuesday.

- **Monday evening:** Winds from the south near the Fairview Fire will push smoke north. The PM2.5 concentrations in East Hemet and Valle Vista may increase on Monday evening.

- **Midnight through Tuesday morning:** Winds will be light and mainly from the west. Mountains east of the Fairview Fire, as well as areas in direct proximity to the fires, will likely see the highest particulate matter levels overnight as smoke is likely to remain closer to the ground.
- **Tuesday afternoon:** Winds from the west and southwest near the Fairview Fire will push smoke east and northeast into the mountains south of Hemet. Impacts to the city areas are expected to be small.

Overall, meteorological conditions may bring smoke and ash into portions of Riverside County with localized impacts near the Fairview Fire. **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher AQI levels due to PM2.5 concentrations are possible in areas of direct smoke impacts.

Areas of direct impacts and poor air quality may include portions of:

- **Riverside County:** Hemet-San Jacinto Valley (Area 28)



- South Coast AQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link: <http://www.aqmd.gov/advisory>
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