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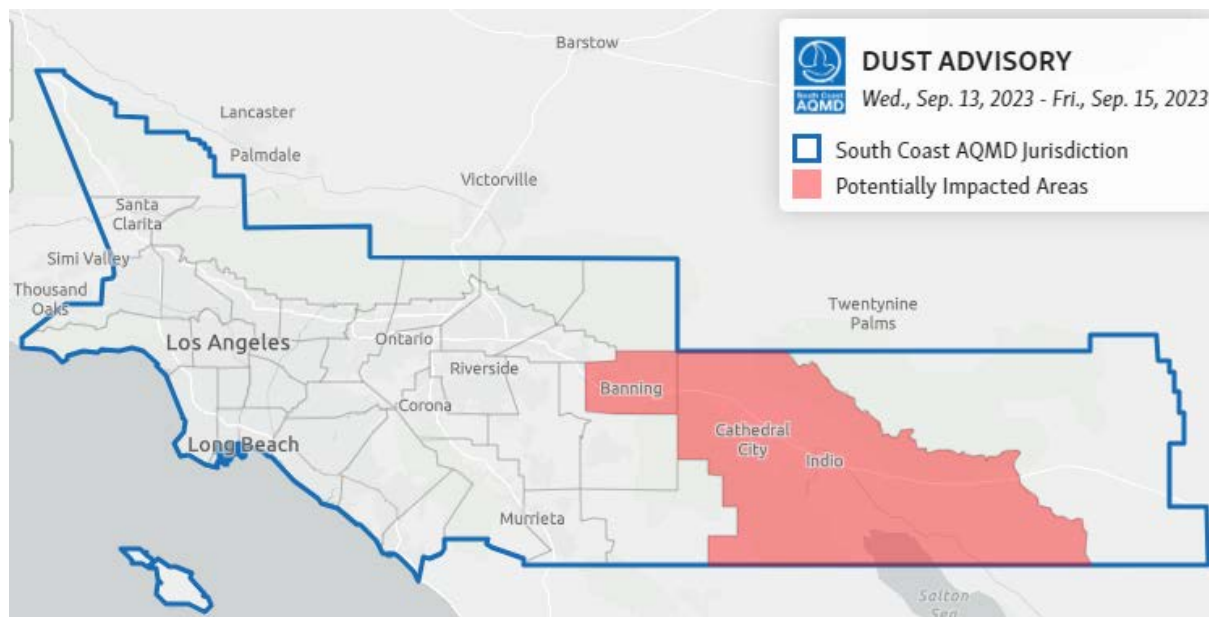
South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for the Coachella Valley and San Geronio Pass

Valid Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. until Friday, 6:00 a.m.

Current conditions

- Winds in Mecca gusted up to 15 mph on Wednesday morning and resulted in **Hazardous** AQI levels.
- Wednesday morning winds gusted up to 30 mph in Palm Springs and resulted in **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** AQI levels

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



Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect from 2 PM Wednesday through 6 AM Friday due to gusty winds in the San Geronio Pass and Coachella Valley
- 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 or worse
- Air quality can vary hour by hour and by location depending on wind conditions
- Recent dust events in the Coachella Valley have been difficult to predict. The public is encouraged to pay close attention to the current conditions reported on our website

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](#).

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