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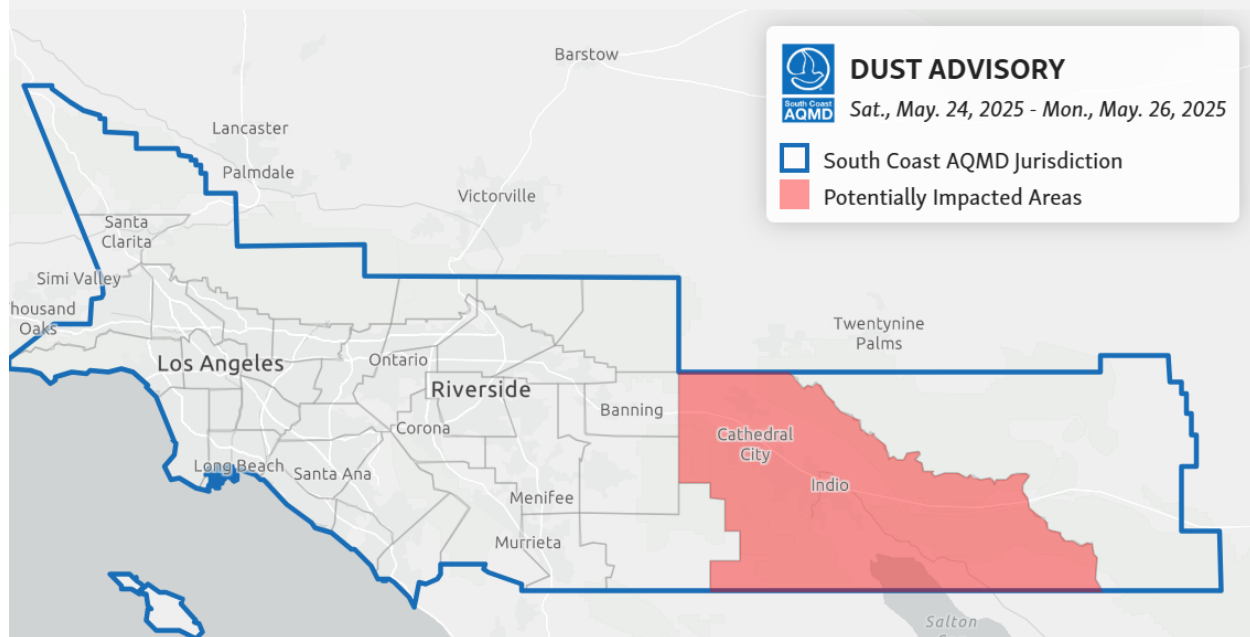
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South Coast AQMD Extends a Windblown Dust Advisory for Coachella Valley

Valid until Monday 5:00 AM

Valid Saturday 3:00 PM until Monday 5:00 AM



Current Conditions

- South Coast AQMD has extended a windblown dust advisory for the Coachella Valley through Monday morning.
- Gusty winds have led to elevated levels of windblown dust and particle pollution (PM10) from Friday afternoon through Saturday morning.

- Air Quality Index (AQI) in the Coachella Valley ranged from **Good** to **Hazardous** during this period, with the highest AQI in Northern Cathedral City. In Palm Springs, AQI ranged from **Good** to **Moderate**.
- The National Weather Service has issued a wind advisory for the Banning Pass in effect until 3 AM on Sunday. Visit NWS San Diego for more information.

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

Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- Winds from the west with gusts up to 60 mph are predicted in the northwestern Coachella Valley below the Banning Pass at times through Monday morning.
- Blowing dust may result in PM10 levels in the **Unhealthy** or higher AQI categories in the Coachella Valley at times from Saturday afternoon through Monday morning, with the highest AQI expected in the northwestern part of the valley.
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions.

Detailed Forecast

3 PM Saturday through 8 AM Sunday	AQI is predicted to range from Good to Unhealthy or higher at times, with the highest AQI in northwestern Coachella Valley. Wind gusts and PM10 levels are predicted to peak around 10 PM Saturday.
9 AM Sunday through 4 PM Sunday	Winds decrease during the day on Sunday. AQI due to PM10 in the Good to Moderate categories is expected.
5 PM Sunday through 5 AM Monday	Winds are predicted to increase starting 5 PM Sunday. AQI due to PM10 in the Good to Unhealthy or higher categories is expected at times, with the highest AQI in northwestern Coachella Valley. Wind gusts and PM10 levels are predicted to peak around 10 PM Sunday.

South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

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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