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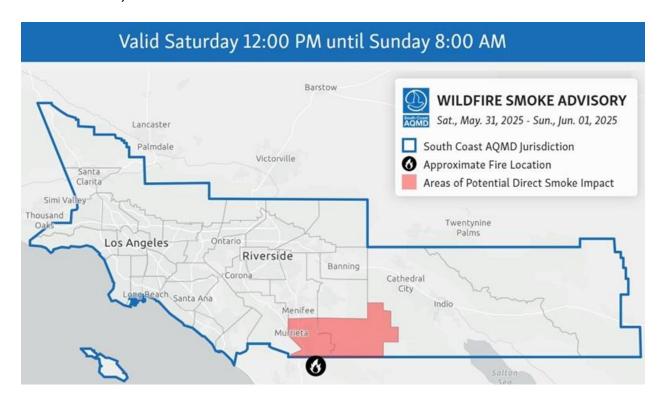
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South Coast AQMD Issues Smoke Advisory Due to the Henderson Fire

Valid until Sunday 8:00 AM



Current Conditions

• The Henderson Fire started Friday evening in north central San Diego County near Pala. As of noon on Saturday, the fire had burned 300 acres and was 15% contained. For more information about the Henderson Fire visit the Watch Duty webpage at https://app.watchduty.org/i/49959 and the Cal Fire webpage at https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2025/5/30/henderson-fire.

- Winds mostly transported the smoke northward. Since 7 PM on Friday a regulatory fine particle pollution (PM2.5) monitor in Temecula recorded Air Quality Index (AQI) values ranging from Moderate to Unhealthy, while a PM2.5 sensor in Murietta recorded Moderate air.
- Information about Wildfire Smoke & Ash Health & Safety is available at https://www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety.

Conditions may change quickly due to fire activity and weather. Download the <u>South Coast AQMD</u> app or visit <u>www.aqmd.gov/AQImap</u> to view current air quality in your neighborhood

Forecasted Smoke and Air Quality Impacts

• Smoke from the Henderson Fire is expected to most heavily impact areas near and just north to northeast of the fire. This includes the Pechanga Reservation, Temecula, Murietta and Aguanga.

Detailed Forecast

Saturday afternoon	Smoke will most heavily impact areas near and to the northeast of the fire. PM2.5 levels may reach the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI category or higher on the Pechanga Reservation, Temecula and Aguanga.
Saturday night and early Sunday morning	Assuming the fire remains active, smoke impacts could include Murietta in addition to the Pechanga Reservation, Temecula and Aguanga. PM2.5 levels may reach the Unhealthy AQI category or higher.

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

If you are in an area impacted by smoke:

- 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.
- Avoid burning wood in your fireplace or firepit and minimize sources of indoor air pollution such as candles, incense, pan-frying, and grilling.
- If you must be outside, a properly fit N95 or P100 respirator may provide some protection.

For more information, visit www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety.

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