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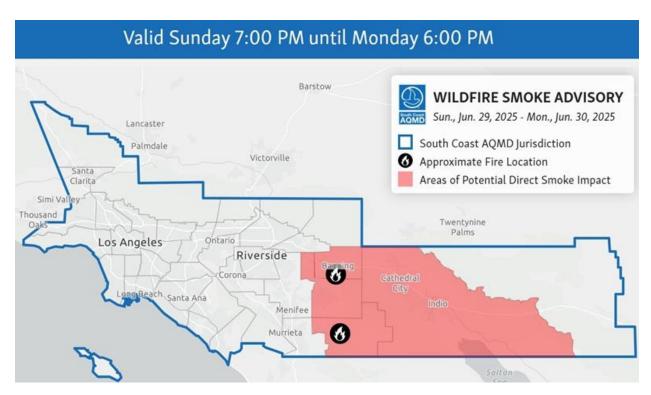
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South Coast AQMD Issues Smoke Advisory Due to the Wolf & Mindy Fires

Valid until Monday 6:00 PM



Current Conditions

• Two wildfires, the Wolf wildfire in the Banning Pass and the Mindy wildfire in the Anza area, started on Sunday afternoon. As of 6 PM Sunday, the Wolf and Mindy fires have burned 802 and 73 acres, respectively. For more information about the fires visit the Cal Fire webpage at https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2025/6/29/wolffire and <a href="https://www.fire.ca.g

- Based on webcam and satellite imagery, winds are transporting the smoke from the Wolf and Mindy wildfires to the north into the Banning Pass and San Bernardino mountains, and into the San Jacinto wilderness and Hemet.
- 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> <u>app</u> 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 Wolf Fire is expected to most heavily impact areas near and just north to northeast of the fire on Sunday afternoon to Monday, including the Banning Pass and San Jacinto Mountains.
- Smoke from the Mindy Fire is expected to impact the area near and to the north of the fire from Sunday afternoon to Monday, with the highest impacts near the fire in the Lake Riverside area and the Cahuilla Reservation.
- Overall, PM2.5 levels may reach the **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher Air Quality Index (AQI) category at times from Sunday afternoon through Monday in these areas, with the highest AQI expected overnight Sunday.

Detailed Forecast

Sunday afternoon and night	Smoke will most heavily impact the areas near the fires. PM2.5 levels may reach the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI category or higher in the Banning Pass, San Jacinto Mountains, Lake Riverside, the Cahuilla Reservation, and the Anza area, with the highest AQI expected overnight Sunday. PM2.5 levels in the Good to Moderate AQI categories are expected in the Northwestern Coachella Valley.
Monday morning and afternoon	Wind speeds will increase on Monday after about 10 AM, resulting in lower PM2.5 levels. PM2.5 levels in the Good to Moderate AQI category are expected in most of the Banning Pass and San Jacinto Mountains, Lake Riverside, Cahuilla Reservation, Anza area, and Coachella Valley. PM2.5 levels may reach Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher categories In areas very close to the fires.

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.

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.