



SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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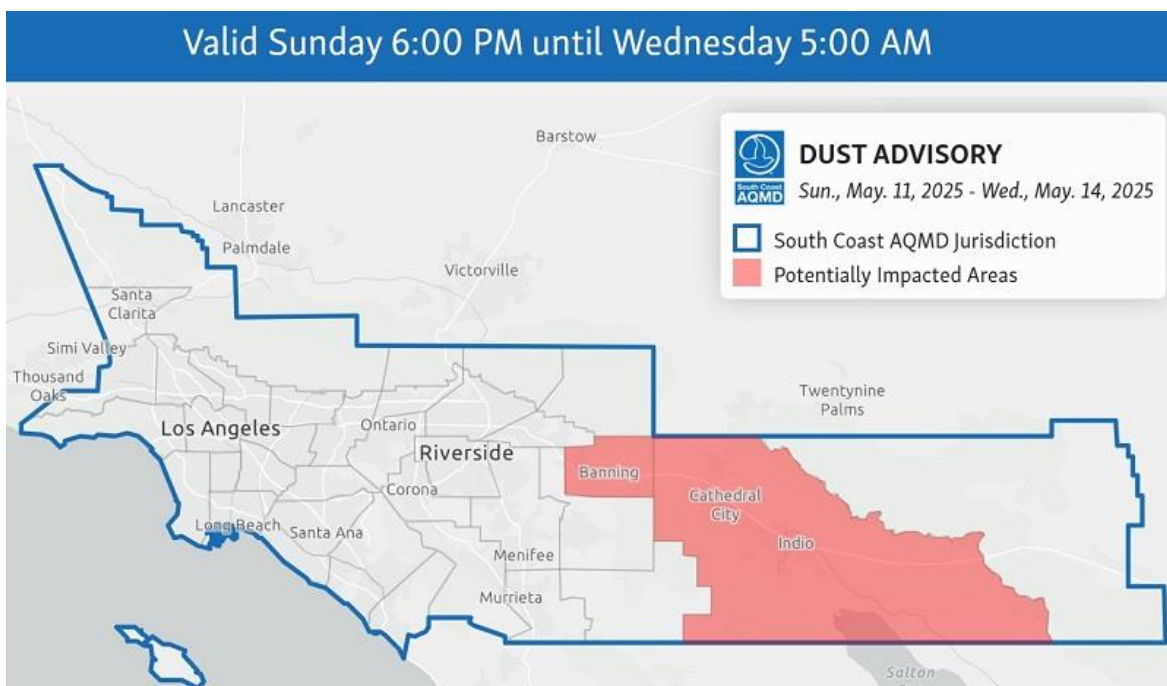
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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Coachella Valley and Banning Pass

Valid until Wednesday 5:00 AM



Current Conditions

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 50 mph are predicted
- Gusty winds can lift dust and soil into the air, resulting in high particle pollution (PM10) levels in the region
- Blowing dust may result in PM10 levels in the **Very Unhealthy** or higher air quality index (AQI) categories in the Coachella Valley and the Banning Pass
- Expect elevated PM10 levels at times through early Wednesday morning, especially in the northwestern part of the valley
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions

Detailed Forecast

Sunday night to Tuesday evening	Wind gusts are expected to remain consistently strong both day and night. PM10 levels are predicted to range from Moderate to Unhealthy or higher AQI categories at times, with the highest AQI expected in the northwestern Coachella Valley.
Wednesday early morning	Wind gusts are expected to subside in the early morning. PM10 levels are predicted to decrease, falling within the Good to Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI categories range.

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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