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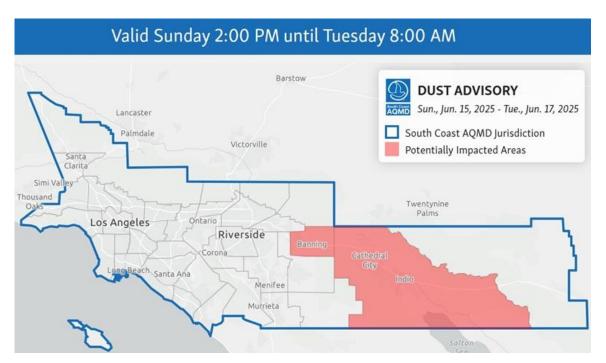
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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Coachella Valley and Banning Pass

Valid until Tuesday 8:00 AM



Current Conditions

To view current air quality in your neighborhood, download the <u>South Coast AQMD app</u> or visit <u>www.aqmd.gov/AQImap</u>.

Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- Winds from the west with gusts up to 50 mph are predicted through the San Gorgonio Pass near Banning at times through Tuesday morning. Gusts up to 38 mph are predicted in Indio.
- Blowing dust may result in PM10 levels in the **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher Air Quality Index (AQI) categories in the Coachella Valley and San Gorgonio Pass at times from Sunday afternoon through Tuesday morning, with the highest AQI expected in the northwestern part of the valley.
- The highest PM10 levels are expected during overnight hours with Monday night having higher PM10 levels than Sunday night.
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions.

Detailed Forecast

Sunday afternoon	AQI is predicted to range from Good to Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher at times.
Sunday night into Monday Morning	Winds are predicted to increase starting around 8 PM Sunday. AQI due to PM10 in the Good to Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups 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 midnight.
Daytime on Monday	Winds are predicted to decrease in the morning on Monday and then increase again in the afternoon. AQI due to PM10 in the Good to Moderate or higher categories is expected.
Monday night into Tuesday morning	The highest PM10 concentrations are expected between 3 PM Monday through 4 AM Tuesday. AQI due to PM10 in the Moderate to Unhealthy or higher categories is expected at times.

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.