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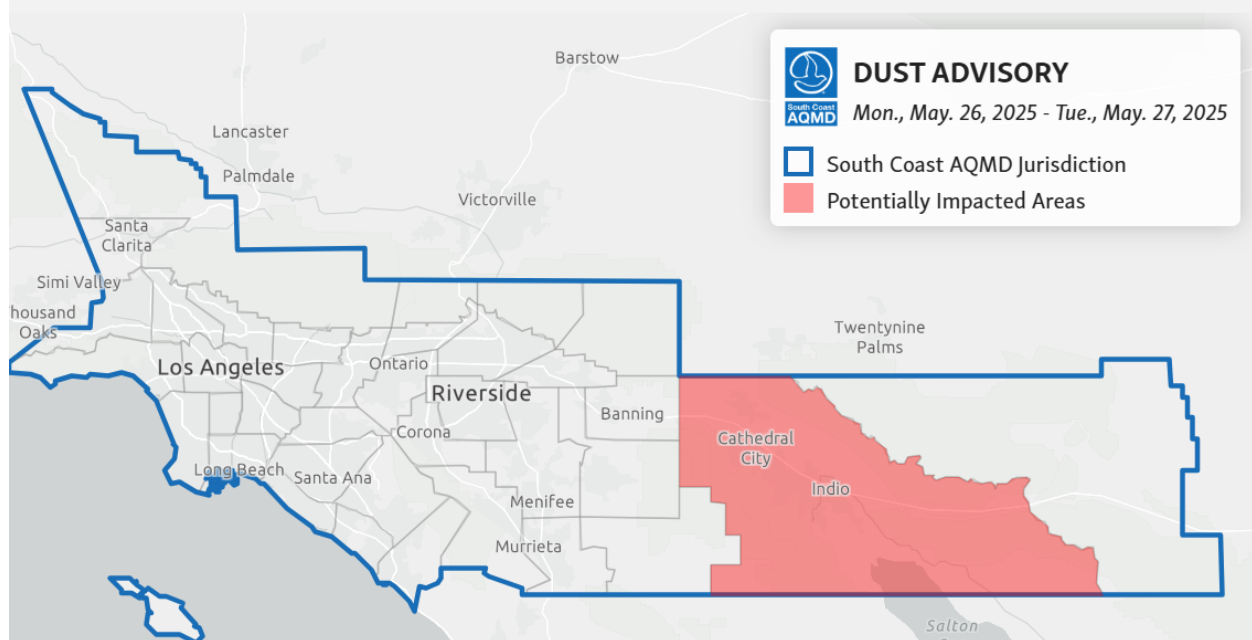
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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Coachella Valley

Valid until Tuesday 11:00 PM

Valid Monday 4:00 PM until Tuesday 11:00 PM



Current Conditions

- South Coast AQMD is issuing a windblown dust advisory for the Coachella Valley through late Tuesday night.
- Gusty winds have led to elevated levels of windblown dust and particle pollution (PM10) from Sunday afternoon through Monday morning.

- Air Quality Index (AQI) in the Coachella Valley ranged from **Moderate** to **Very Unhealthy** during this period, with the highest AQI in Northern Cathedral City.

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 45 mph are predicted in the northwestern Coachella Valley below Banning Pass at times through Tuesday night.
- Blowing dust may result in **Unhealthy** or higher AQI categories in the Coachella Valley at times from Monday afternoon through Tuesday night, 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

4 PM Monday through 8 AM Tuesday	AQI is predicted to range from Moderate to Unhealthy or higher at times, with the highest AQI in northwestern Coachella Valley. Wind gusts and PM10 levels are predicted to peak around 11 PM Monday.
Tuesday daytime	As winds decrease during the day on Tuesday, AQI due to PM10 will be in the Good to Moderate categories.
Tuesday evening through 11 PM	Winds are predicted to increase starting 5 PM Tuesday. AQI due to PM10 will be in the Good to Unhealthy or higher categories, with the highest AQI in northwestern Coachella Valley. PM10 levels are predicted to subside after midnight.

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

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