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# SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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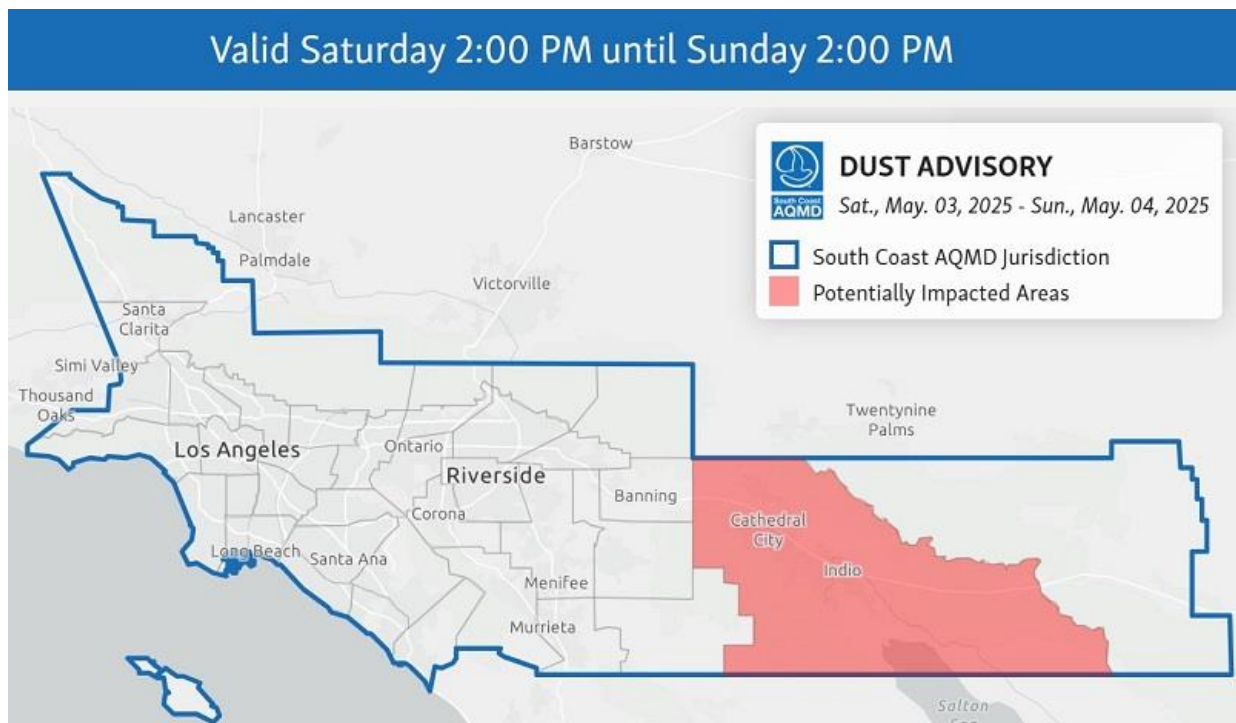
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## South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Coachella Valley

*Valid until Sunday 2:00 PM*



### Current Conditions

To view current air quality in your neighborhood, download the [South Coast AQMD app](#) or visit [www.aqmd.gov/AQImap](http://www.aqmd.gov/AQImap).

**Forecasted Air Quality Impacts**

- Winds from northwest with gusts up to 50 mph are predicted in the Coachella Valley from Saturday afternoon through Sunday morning
- Gusty winds can lift dust and soil into the air and increase particle pollution (PM10) levels in the region
- Blowing dust may result in PM10 levels in the **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher Air Quality Index (AQI) category in the Coachella Valley at times starting from 2 PM Saturday through 2 PM Sunday
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions

**Detailed Forecast**

Saturday afternoon and evening	PM10 levels are predicted to range from <b>Good to Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> or higher AQI categories at times throughout the Coachella Valley.
Saturday night	Wind speeds are predicted to be highest at night and PM10 levels are expected to reach <b>Unhealthy</b> or higher AQI categories.
Sunday morning	Wind speeds are forecast to die down gradually in the morning, reducing PM10 levels. AQIs are expected to decrease from <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups to Good or Moderate</b> .

*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](http://www.aqmd.gov), download our award-winning [app](#), or follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#) (formerly known as Twitter) and [Instagram](#).

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