



# SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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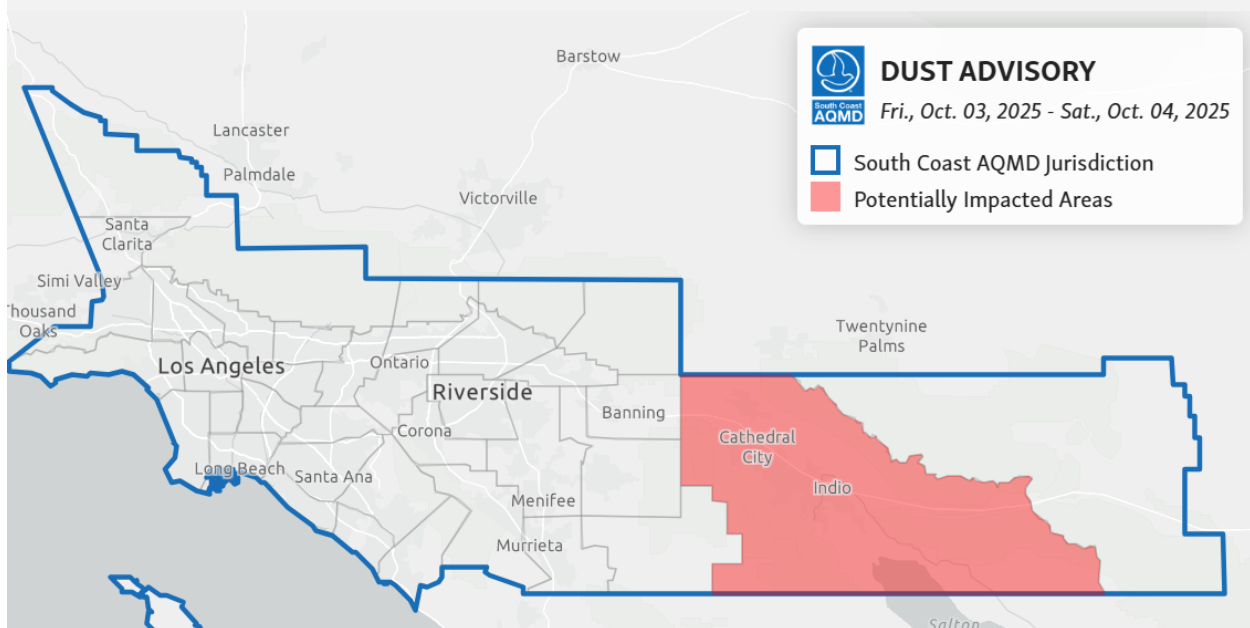
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## South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Banning Pass

*Valid until Saturday 2:00 AM*

Valid Friday 1:00 PM until Saturday 2:00 AM



### Current Conditions

- Winds from the west with gusts up to 65 miles per hour are expected in the Banning Pass from Friday afternoon to Saturday morning
- The National Weather Service has issued a wind advisory for the Banning Pass through Saturday morning, available at <https://www.weather.gov/sgx>

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

- Blowing dust may result in **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher Air Quality Index (AQI) levels due to particle pollution (PM10) in the Coachella Valley at times
- The highest windblown dust and AQI levels are expected in the northwestern part of the valley
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions

### Detailed Forecast

1 PM Friday through 2 AM Saturday	AQI is predicted to range from <b>Moderate</b> to <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> or higher at times, with the highest AQI in northwestern Coachella Valley. Wind gusts and AQI levels are predicted to peak around 8 PM Friday.
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*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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