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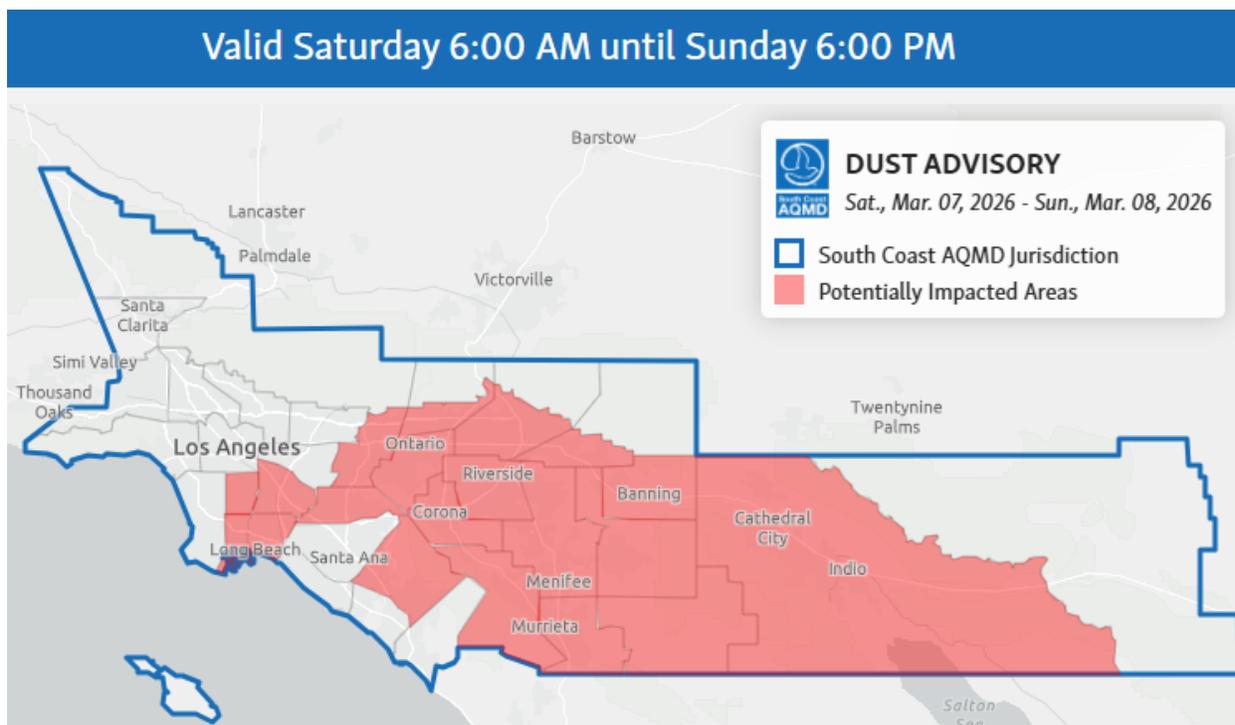
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South Coast AQMD Expands Windblown Dust Advisory for Parts of the South Coast Air Basin and the Coachella Valley

Valid from Saturday 6:00 AM to Sunday 6:00 PM



Current Conditions

- As of Friday afternoon, air quality in San Bernardino and Coachella Valley has reached the **Unhealthy to Hazardous** AQI category on Thursday, and was good to USG on Friday through noon.

- The National Weather Service has issued a Wind Advisories in effect from midnight Friday until 5:00 PM on March 8, for parts of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange and Riverside Counties.
- Visit the NWS San Diego www.weather.gov/sgx and NWS Los Angeles/Oxnard www.weather.gov/lox for more information.

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

Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- High winds may cause blowing dust and particle pollution (PM10) levels in the **Hazardous** Air Quality Index (AQI) category at times in parts of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange and Riverside Counties and Coachella Valley.
- Northeast winds with gusts to 50 mph expected.
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions.

Detailed Forecast

Saturday daytime	AQI may reach Unhealthy or higher levels in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange and Riverside Counties and may reach Hazardous in Coachella Valley.
Saturday night	Winds are expected to decrease starting Saturday evening in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange and Riverside Counties. AQI may reach Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher levels at times. In Coachella Valley AQI may reach Very Unhealthy or higher levels until midnight.
Sunday daytime	Winds are expected to increase starting Sunday morning. The highest winds and PM10 levels are expected between 9 AM to 3 PM Sunday. AQI may reach Unhealthy in parts of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. In the Coachella Valley AQI may reach Very Unhealthy or higher levels at times.

South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

If you are in an area impacted by windblown dust:

- 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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