



SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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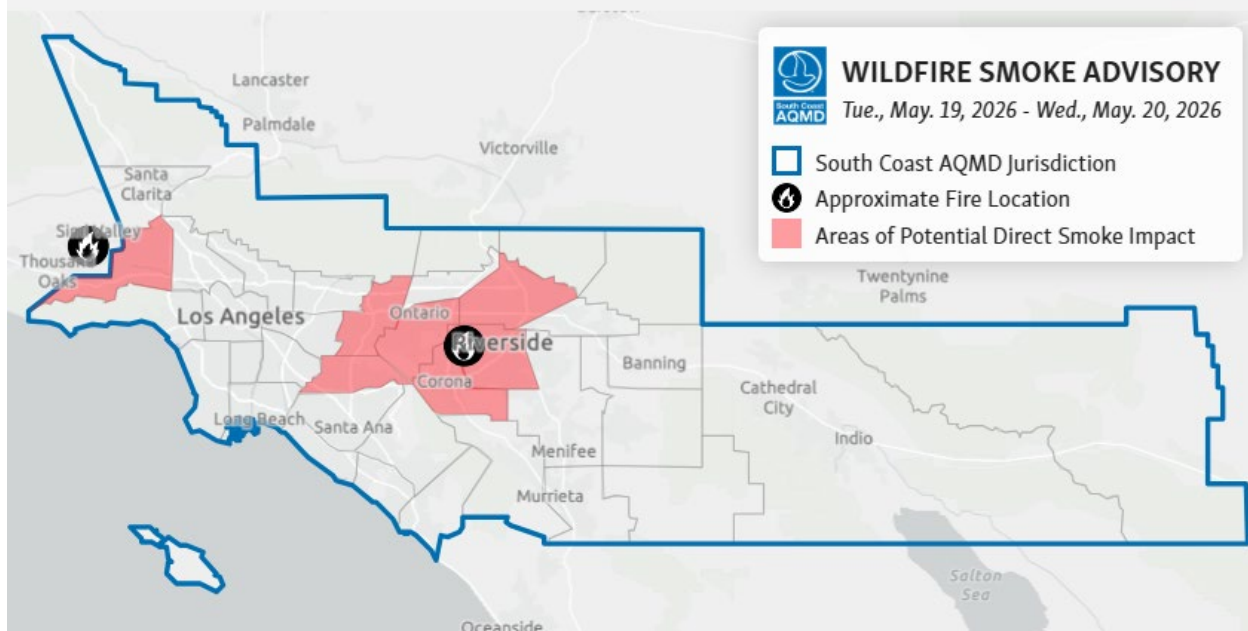
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South Coast AQMD Issues Wildfire Smoke Advisory

Valid until Wednesday at 4:30 PM

Valid Tuesday 4:30 PM until Wednesday 4:30 PM



Current conditions

- The [Bain Fire](#) has burned 600 acres in Riverside County and is 0% contained as of 3:40 PM on May 19, 2026.
- The [Sandy Fire](#) has burned 1,386 acres in Ventura County near Simi Valley and is 5% contained.
- The [Santa Rosa Island Fire](#) has burned 16,938 acres and is 0% contained.
- Smoke impacts have primarily been in the **Moderate** air quality index (AQI) category.

Conditions may change quickly due to fire activity and weather. Download the [South Coast AQMD app](#) or visit www.aqmd.gov/AQImap to view current air quality in your neighborhood.

Forecasted Smoke and Air Quality Impacts

- Areas of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties near the Bain and Verona Fires may reach the **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** AQI category or higher.
- Smoke from the Santa Rosa Island Fire that is already over the ocean is expected to come onshore overnight impacting the entire coastline of Los Angeles and Orange Counties leading to **Moderate** AQI category over a wide area.
- Areas adjacent to the Sandy Fire may reach the **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** AQI category or higher.
- Smoke impacts can vary over time and by location. If you see ash or smell smoke, take precautions to protect your health.

Detailed Forecast

Tuesday night	Smoke may reach Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI in portions of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties near the Bain and Verona Fires. Orange County and much of LA County are expected to be in the Moderate AQI category or higher with smoke coming ashore from the Santa Rosa Island Fire. Areas of Los Angeles County adjacent to the Sandy Fire may reach the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI category or higher.
Wednesday	Depending on fire activity, smoke conditions are expected to improve during the day in areas not adjacent to active fires.

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

If you are in an area impacted by smoke:

- 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.
- Avoid burning wood in your fireplace or firepit and minimize sources of indoor air pollution such as candles, incense, pan-frying, and grilling.
- If you must be outside, a properly fit N95 or P100 respirator may provide some protection.

For more information, visit www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety.

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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