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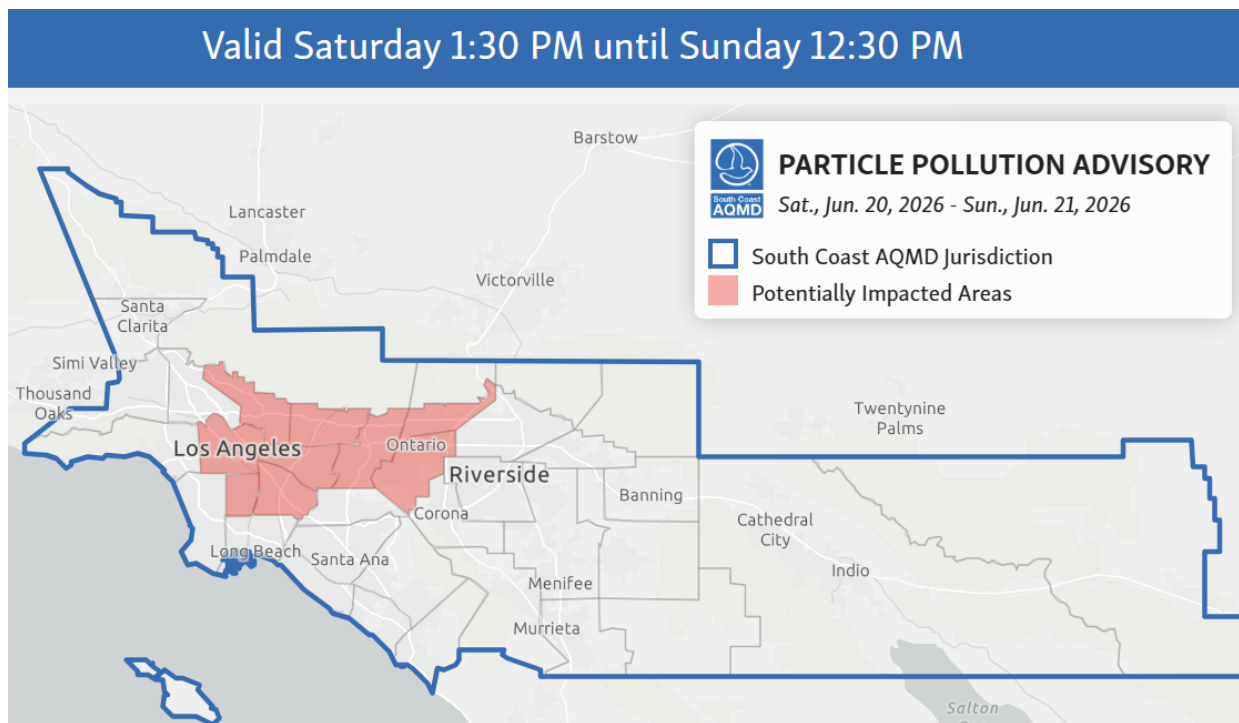
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## South Coast AQMD Extends Particle Pollution Advisory Due to Structure Fire in Boyle Heights

*Valid until Sunday 12:30 PM*



### Current Conditions

This is not a shelter-in-place order.

Smoke from a large structure fire in Boyle Heights that started around 2:30 PM on June 17 is impacting air quality east of downtown Los Angeles. As of 12:00 PM on Saturday, the fire is actively producing

smoke and firefighting efforts are likely to continue. More information on the fire can be found at <https://lafd.org/alerts>.

Regulatory monitors and sensors show that PM2.5 levels reached **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** to **Very Unhealthy** Air Quality Index (AQI) categories since Friday night in the areas of central Los Angeles County, San Gabriel Valley, East San Fernando Valley and Northwest San Bernardino Valley.

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**

As firefighting efforts progress, smoke may continue to affect air quality throughout the region. The smoke is expected to influence Central and East Los Angeles along with the San Gabriel Valley on Saturday afternoon and night. PM2.5 levels may increase overnight as winds die down. On Sunday morning, a change in wind direction may push smoke towards Southeast LA county. If the fire is still producing a significant amount of smoke on Sunday afternoon, it will continue to impact Central and East Los Angeles.

The combination of smoke and high humidity may cause visibility issues overnight. Ash may also deposit across the area. Air quality monitors do not account for large ash particles and debris in the AQI readings. Take precautions to protect your health if you smell or see smoke or ash.

### **If you are in impacted area:**

- 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.

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