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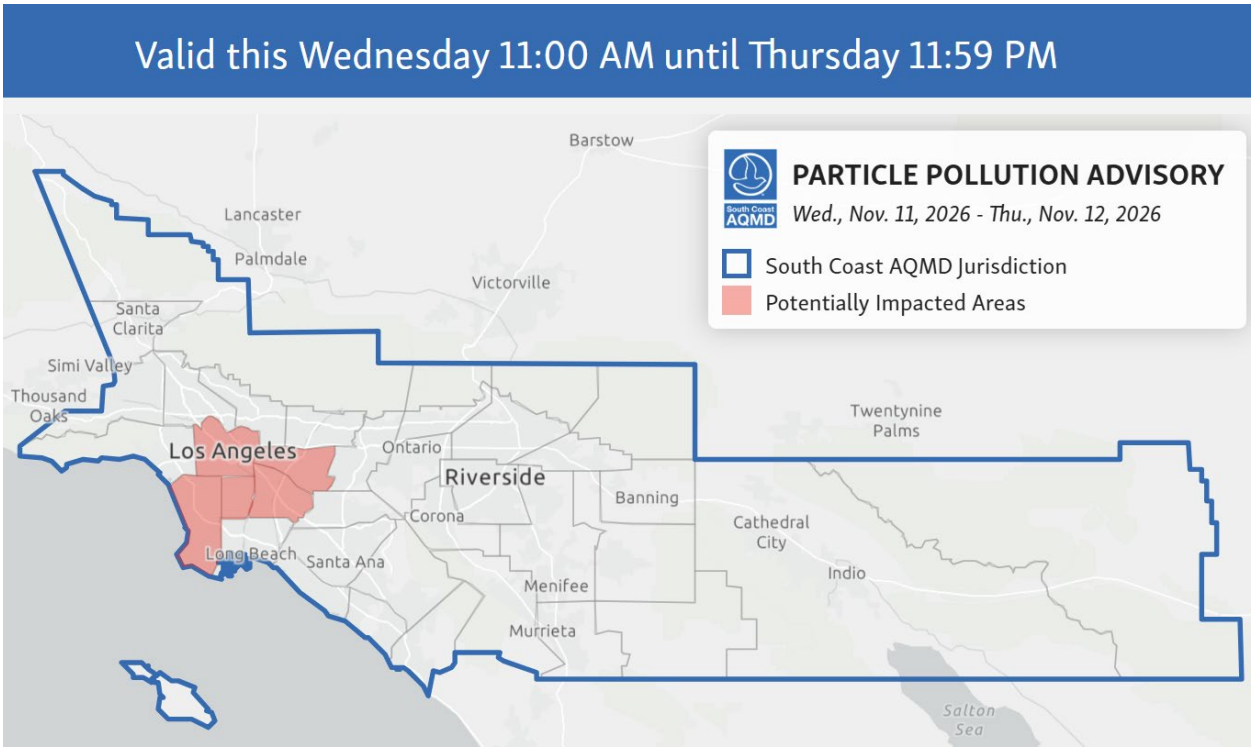
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South Coast AQMD Extends Particle Pollution Advisory Due to the Alba Fire

Valid until Thursday at 11:59 PM



Current Conditions

Smoke from a large structure fire in the Central-Alameda neighborhood in the City of Los Angeles that started early Monday morning is blowing toward the southwest and impacting air quality in the local area. As of 10:00 AM on Wednesday, the fire is producing smoke as firefighting efforts continue.

- More information on the fire can be found at the LAFD incident website.
- Webcam imagery of the incident is available at ALERT California Baldwin Hills 1 Camera.

Air quality sensors downwind measured a short period of **Unhealthy** Air Quality Index (AQI) levels of fine particle pollution (PM2.5) north of the fire in the early hours of Wednesday.

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

Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- Winds will be light and variable in direction between Wednesday morning and Thursday night.
- Depending on how firefighting efforts progress, smoke may continue to affect air quality in the vicinity.
- 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.

Detailed Forecast

Wednesday afternoon and evening	Most smoke impacts are expected in areas immediately adjacent to the fire in Vernon and Central-Alameda and later toward Maywood and Bell Gardens, with PM2.5 potentially reaching **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher levels.
Wednesday overnight	Gentle, variable winds will blow smoke toward the communities of Westmont, Hawthorne, downtown LA and Huntington Park. AQI levels could potentially reach **Unhealthy** or higher.
Thursday daytime	Assuming fire activity persists, smoke may continue to impact areas around Vernon and Maywood with PM2.5 reaching **Moderate** or higher levels.
Thursday evening and night	Expect **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher AQI levels around Vernon and East Los Angeles.

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

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.

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

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