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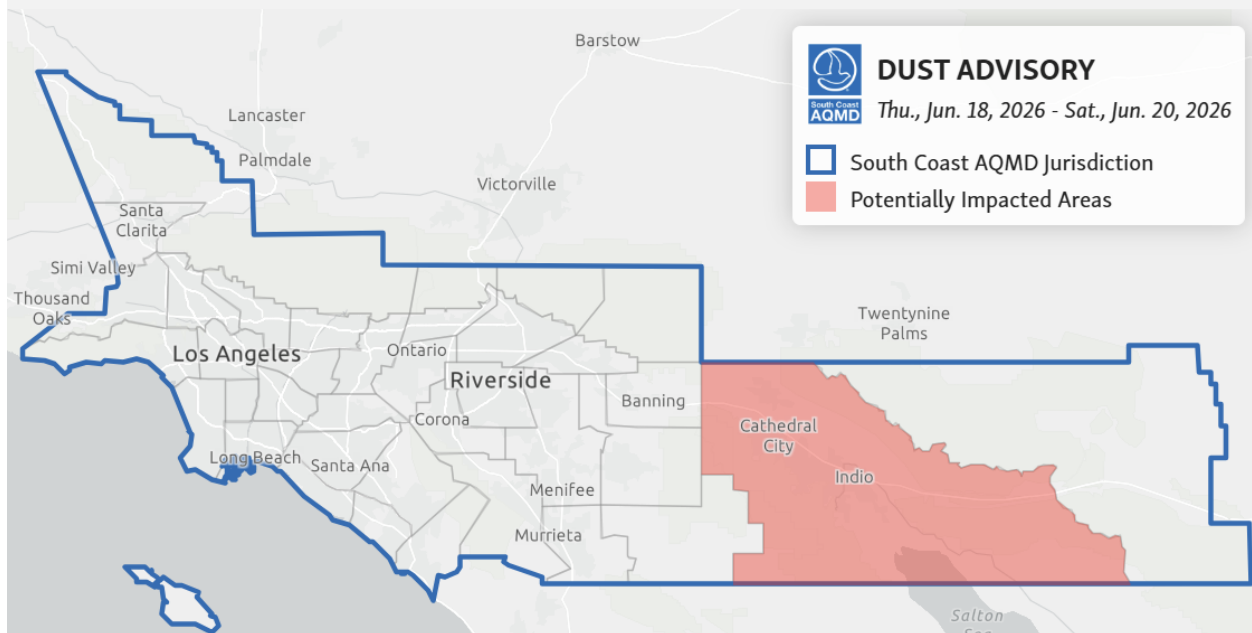
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## South Coast AQMD Extends Windblown Dust Advisory for the Coachella Valley

*Valid until Saturday 11:00 AM*

Valid Thursday 5:00 PM until Saturday 11:00 AM



### Current Conditions

- Air Quality Index (AQI) levels were in the **Hazardous** category at Northern Cathedral City and Mecca and in the **Unhealthy** category at Indio on Wednesday night due to PM10 in windblown dust.
- Current AQI in the Coachella Valley (CV) ranges from **Good** to **Moderate**.

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 **Very Unhealthy** or higher AQI categories in the CV at times during the nighttime.
- Wind gusts are expected to reach up to 55 mph and the highest AQI levels are expected in the northwestern CV.
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions.

**Detailed Forecast**

<p>Thursday evening and night</p>	<p>Wind speed is expected to increase around 5 PM with gusts up to 55 mph in the CV. AQI is predicted to range from <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> to <b>Very Unhealthy</b> or higher at times in the northwestern CV and from <b>Good</b> to <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> or higher in other areas of the CV.</p>
<p>Friday daytime</p>	<p>Wind gusts are expected to diminish from around 6 AM and the AQI is predicted to range from <b>Good</b> to <b>Moderate</b> in the daytime.</p>
<p>Friday nighttime and Saturday morning</p>	<p>Wind speed is expected to increase again around 5 PM Friday, with gusts up to 50 mph in the CV, until 6 AM Saturday. AQI is predicted to range from <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> to <b>Very Unhealthy</b> or higher at times in the northwestern CV and from <b>Good</b> to <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> or higher in other areas of the CV. AQI is predicted to range from <b>Good</b> to <b>Moderate</b> starting around 6 AM Saturday after wind gusts diminish.</p>

*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](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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