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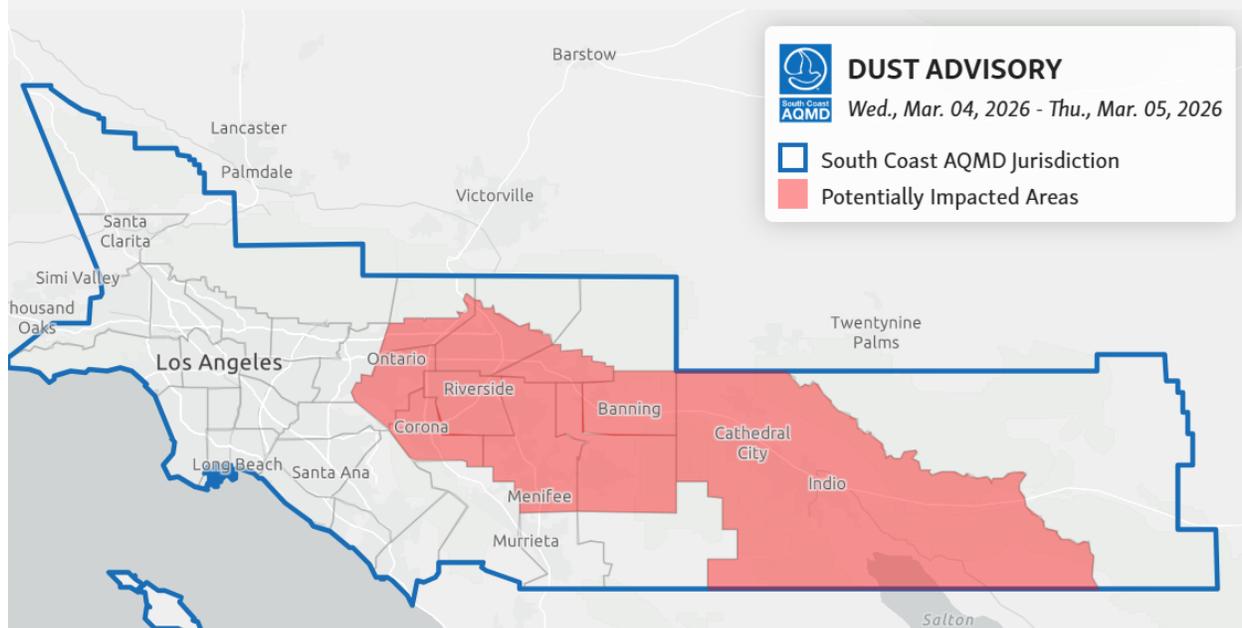
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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Parts of Inland Empire and Coachella Valley

Valid from Wednesday 6:00PM to Thursday 6:00PM

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Current Conditions

- As of Wednesday at noon, the National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a Wind Advisory for part of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.
- Visit the NWS San Diego www.weather.gov/sgx 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 **Very Unhealthy** or higher Air Quality Index (AQI) category at times in parts of the Coachella Valley and in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.
- Winds from the west with gusts up to 45 mph are expected.
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions.

Detailed Forecast

Wednesday night	AQI may reach Unhealthy or higher levels on Wednesday.
Thursday daytime	Winds are expected to increase starting Thursday morning. The highest winds and PM10 levels are expected between 9 AM to 4 PM Thursday. In Coachella Valley, AQI may reach Very Unhealthy or higher levels at times. In other parts of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, AQI may reach Unhealthy or higher AQI levels.

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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