



SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

www.aqmd.gov

@SouthCoastAQMD    

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 5, 2026

MEDIA CONTACT:

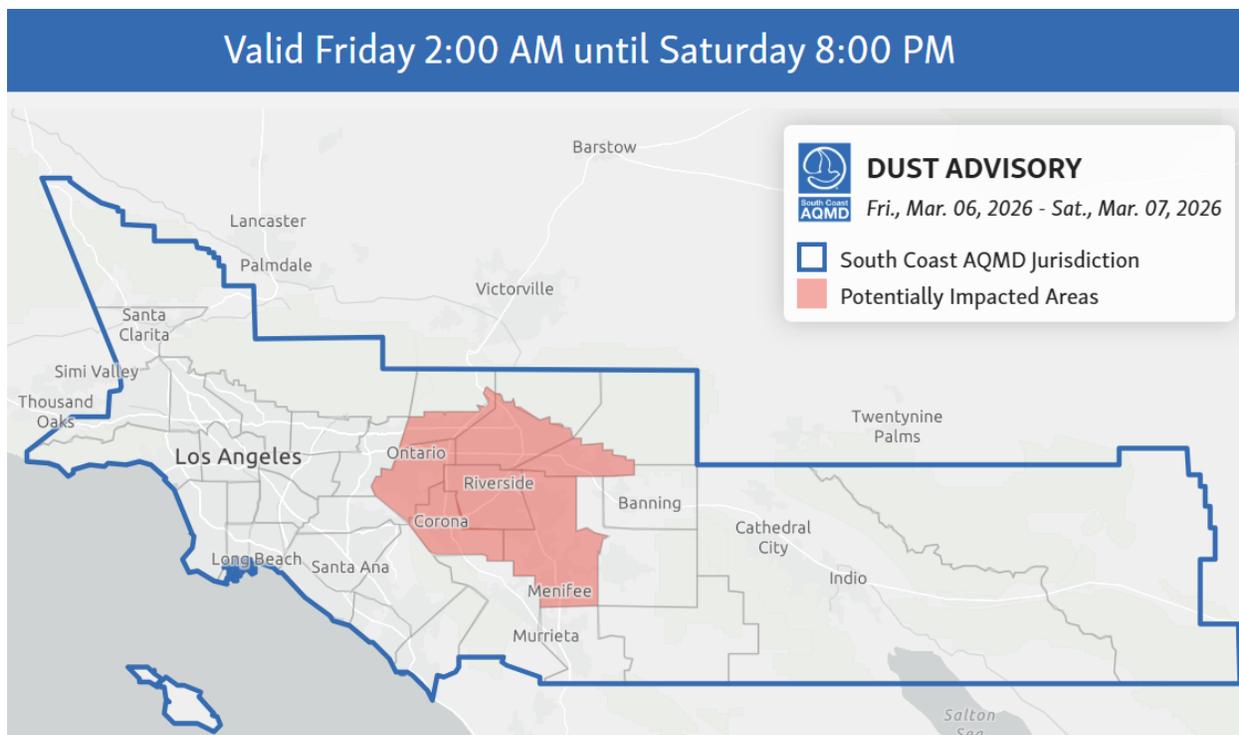
Nahal Mogharabi: (909) 396-3773, Cell: (909) 837-2431

Rainbow Yeung: (909) 396-3373, Cell: (909) 967-2477

press@aqmd.gov

South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Parts of the Inland Empire

Valid from Friday 2:00 AM to Saturday 8:00PM



Current Conditions

- As of Thursday afternoon, air quality in San Bernardino has reached the **Very Unhealthy** AQI category, due to strong winds causing blowing dust.

- The National Weather Service has issued a Wind Advisory in effect until 4:00 PM PST on March 6. A High Wind Watch is also in effect from 12:00 AM PST to 6:00 PM PST on March 7 for parts 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 **Hazardous** Air Quality Index (AQI) category at times in parts of San Bernardino and Riverside counties.
- North winds with gusts up to 65 mph expected.
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions.

Detailed Forecast

Friday daytime	AQI may reach Very Unhealthy or higher levels on Friday.
Friday night	Winds are expected to decrease starting Friday 6 PM. AQI may reach Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher levels at times.
Saturday daytime	Winds are expected to increase starting Saturday morning. The highest winds and PM10 levels are expected between 12 PM to 7 PM Saturday. AQI may reach Hazardous levels at times.

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](#).