



# SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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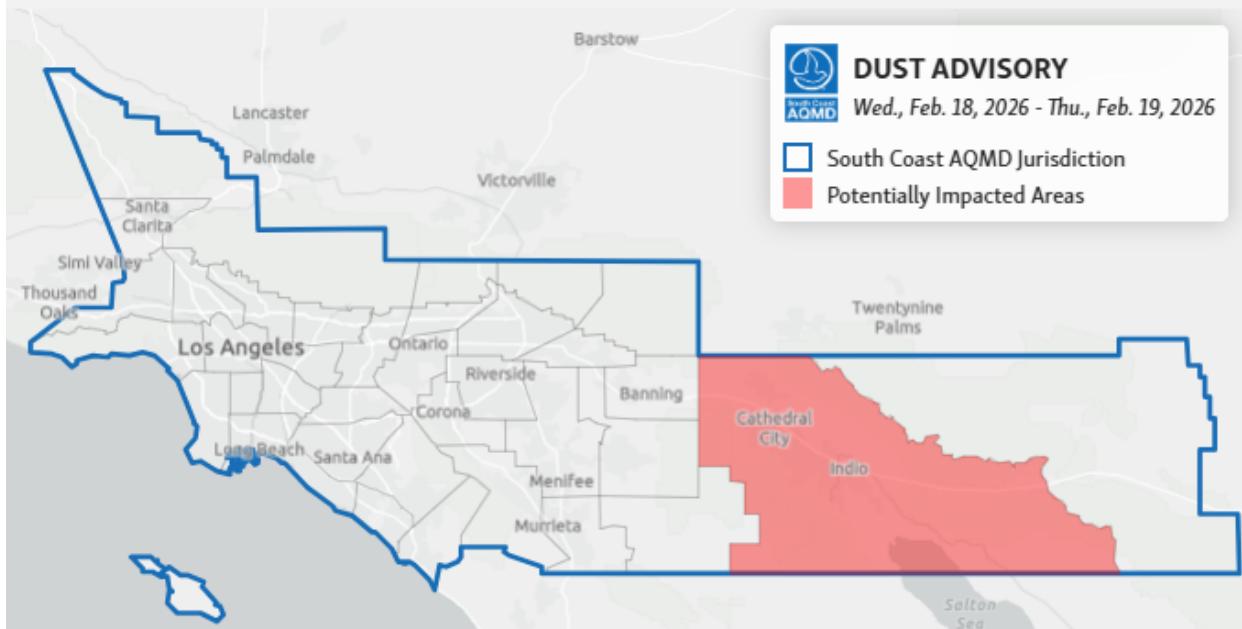
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## South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for the Coachella Valley

*Valid through Thursday 7:00 AM*

**Valid Wednesday 1:00 PM until Thursday 7:00 AM**



### Current Conditions

- Air Quality Index (AQI) levels at Northern Cathedral City, were in the **Very Unhealthy** category on Wednesday morning due to PM10 in windblown dust.
- The National Weather Service has issued a wind advisory for the Coachella Valley from 11 AM Wednesday to 9 AM Friday, available at <https://www.weather.gov/sgx>.

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 levels in the Coachella Valley at times.
- The highest windblown dust and AQI levels are expected in the northwestern part of the valley.
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions.

### Detailed Forecast

1 PM through 10 PM Wednesday	AQI is predicted to range from <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> to <b>Very Unhealthy</b> or higher at times, with the highest AQI in northwestern Coachella Valley. Wind gusts and AQI levels are predicted to peak around 4 PM Wednesday. In Indio, AQI is expected to range from <b>Good</b> to <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> .
10 PM Wednesday through 7 AM Thursday	Wind gusts are expected to diminish after 10 PM, resulting in lower blowing dust potential with conditions trending better toward early morning as winds subside. AQI is predicted to range from <b>Moderate</b> to <b>Unhealthy</b> at times overnight, with the highest AQI in northwestern Coachella Valley.

*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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