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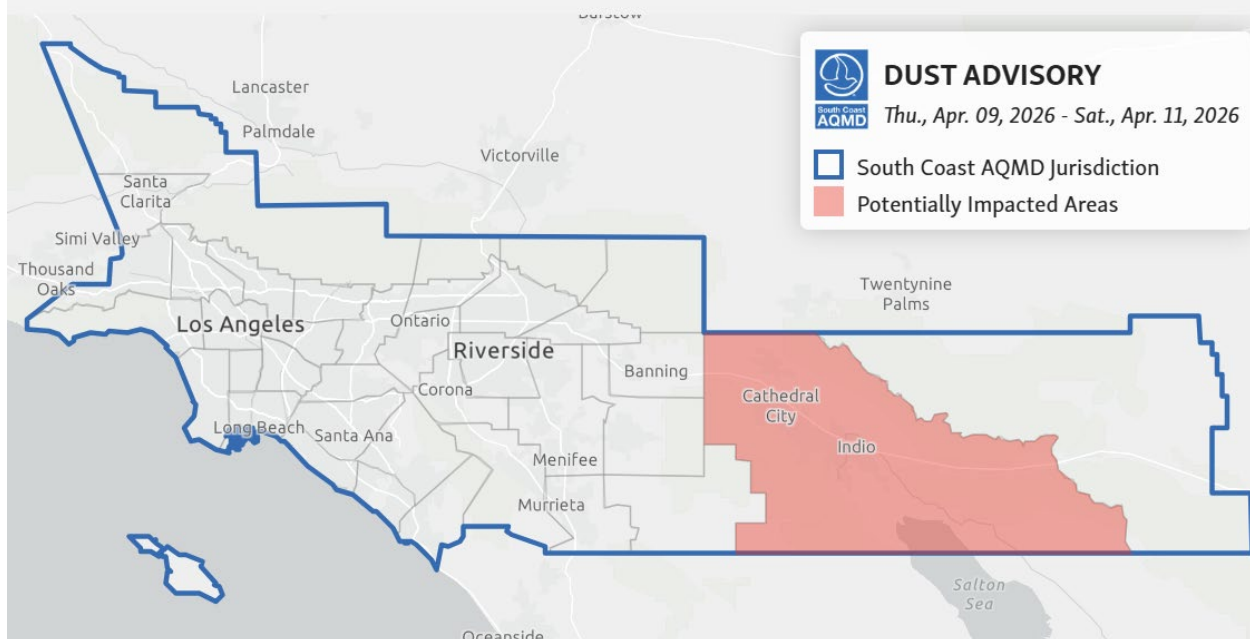
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## South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for the Coachella Valley

*Valid through Saturday 3:00 AM*

Valid Thursday 11:00 AM until Saturday 3:00 AM



### Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- Windblown dust and high particle pollution (PM10) in the **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher Air Quality Index (AQI) categories are expected on Thursday and Friday in Coachella Valley.
- **Unhealthy** or higher AQI is expected at times on Thursday night.

- The northwest Coachella Valley will see the highest impacts.
- Windblown dust is due to high winds with gusts up to 45 mph expected Thursday and Friday across the Coachella Valley.

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).

### Detailed Forecast

Thursday afternoon	<b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> or higher AQI expected starting 12 PM
Thursday night	Winds will be highest overnight Thursday. <b>Unhealthy</b> or higher AQI expected at times until 5 AM Friday, with the highest AQI in northwest Coachella Valley.
Friday	<b>Good to Moderate</b> AQI is expected from 6 AM to 2 PM Friday
Friday night	<b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> or higher AQI expected 3 PM Friday to 3 AM Saturday

*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.

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