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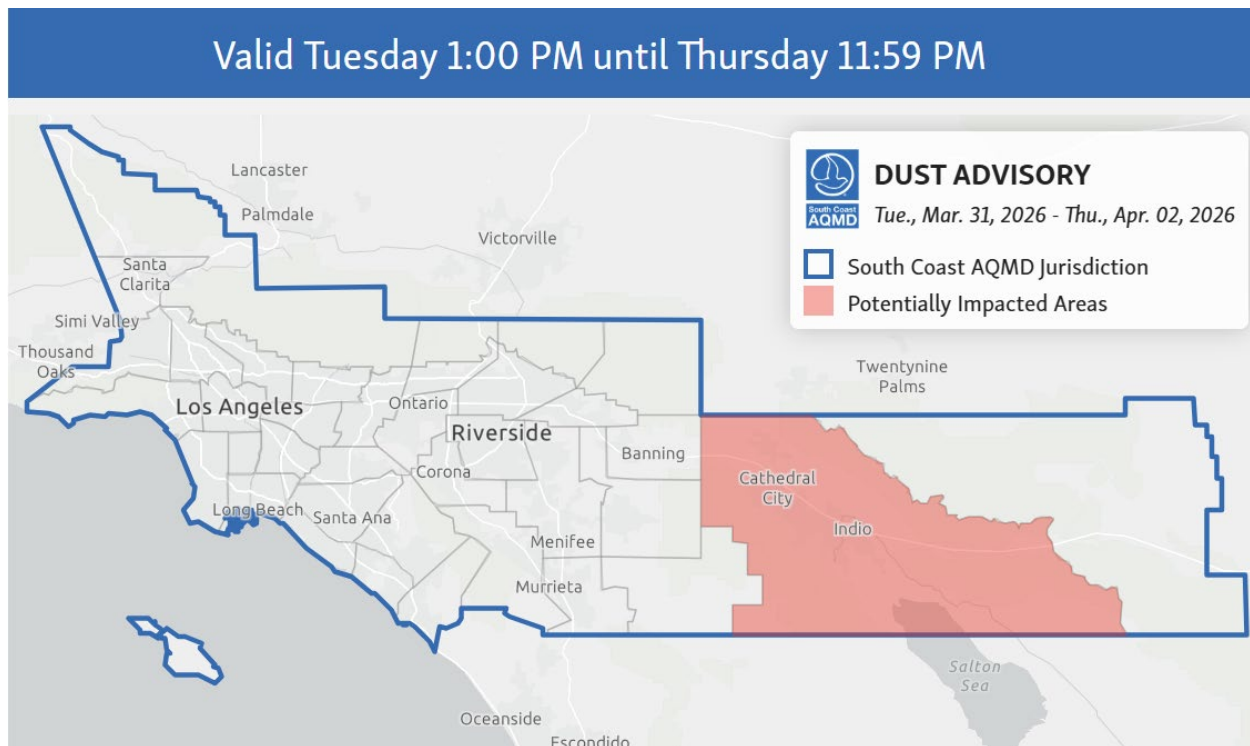
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South Coast AQMD Extends Windblown Dust Advisory for the Coachella Valley

Valid through Thursday 11:59 PM



Current Conditions

- South Coast AQMD is extending a windblown dust advisory through Thursday.
- The National Weather Service (NWS) has extended the Wind Advisory until 11 PM Thursday for the Coachella Valley.

- Visit the NWS San Diego www.weather.gov/sgx for more information.
- Measured PM10 levels from an air quality monitor in Northern Cathedral City reached **Hazardous** Air Quality Index (AQI) category on Tuesday and Wednesday and PM10 levels in Indio and Mecca reached **Unhealthy** AQI category on Tuesday.

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.
- AQI may reach **Very Unhealthy** or higher levels at times in the Northern Coachella Valley and **Unhealthy** or higher levels for other areas.
- Northwest winds with gusts to 50 mph expected.
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions.

Detailed Forecast

Wednesday afternoon	Winds are expected to increase Wednesday afternoon in the Northern Coachella Valley and AQI may reach Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher levels.
Wednesday night and all day Thursday	Winds are expected to increase again starting 8 PM Wednesday and will remain high through Thursday night in the Coachella Valley. AQI may reach Very Unhealthy or higher levels in the Northern Coachella Valley and Unhealthy for other areas.

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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