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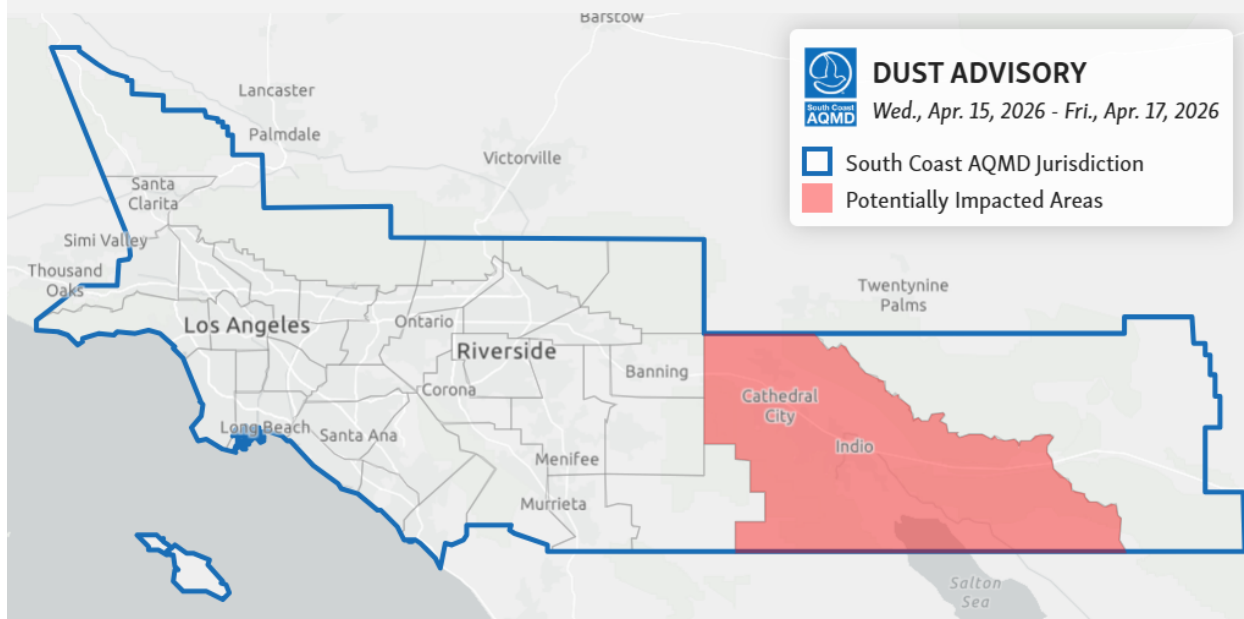
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## South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for the Coachella Valley

*Valid through Friday 11:00 AM*

Valid Wednesday 4:00 PM until Friday 11:00 AM



### Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- Windblown dust and high particle pollution (PM<sub>10</sub>) in the **Very Unhealthy** or higher AQI categories are expected at times from 6 PM Wednesday through Friday morning in the northwest Coachella Valley. In other areas of the Coachella Valley, **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher AQI categories are expected at times from 6 PM Thursday through Friday morning.

- Windblown dust is due to high winds with gusts up to 43 mph expected Wednesday night, and 52 mph Thursday night throughout 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

Wednesday night and Thursday morning	4 PM Wednesday through 5 AM Thursday, <b>Unhealthy</b> or higher AQI expected at times in the northwest Coachella Valley and <b>Good to Moderate</b> in the other areas.
Thursday daytime	Winds will decrease 6 AM Thursday. <b>Good to Moderate</b> AQI is expected.
Thursday night Friday morning	The highest wind speeds are predicted overnight Thursday. From 4 PM Thursday through 11 AM Friday <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> or higher AQI is expected at times throughout the Coachella Valley with <b>Very Unhealthy</b> or higher AQI levels in the Northern Cathedral City area.

*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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