



SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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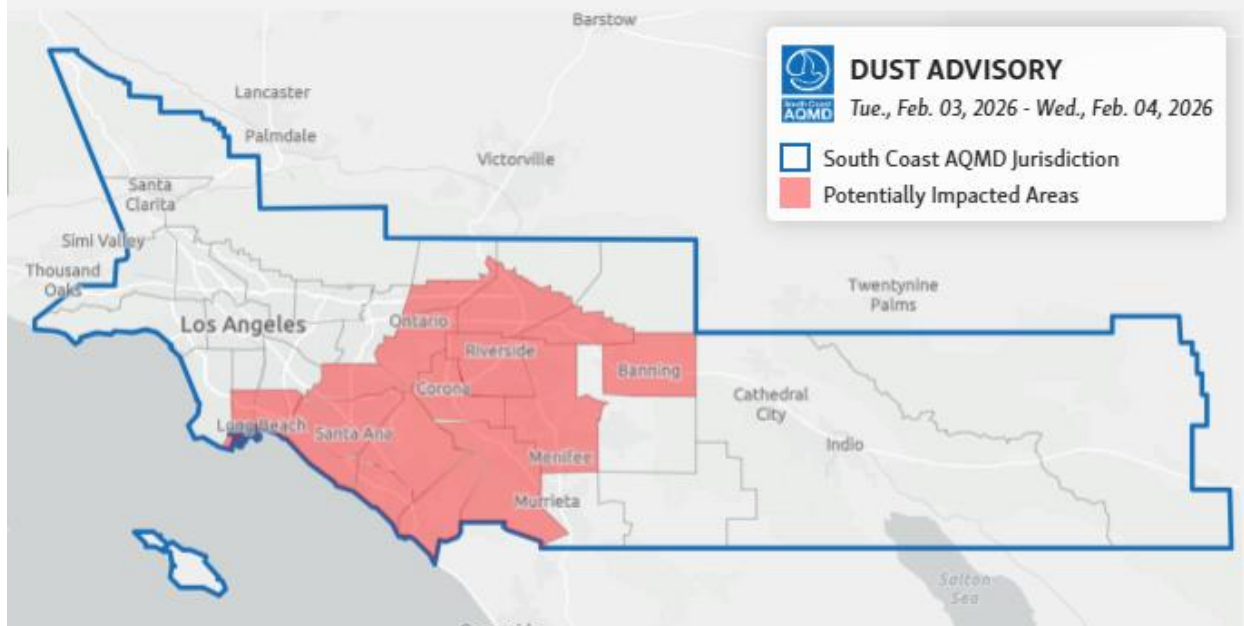
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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Parts of the South Coast Air Basin

Valid from Tuesday 3:30PM to Wednesday 11PM

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Current Conditions

- As of Tuesday at noon, the National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a Wind Advisory for the area.
- 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 the **Unhealthy** or worse Air Quality Index (AQI) category at times in parts of the Inland Empire, Orange County, and South Coastal LA County on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- North to northeast Santa Ana Winds with gusts up to 45 miles per hour are expected.
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions.

Detailed Forecast

Tuesday daytime	AQI may reach Unhealthy or higher levels on Tuesday.
Tuesday night	Winds are expected to decrease in some areas on Tuesday night, which may result in lower PM10 levels. AQI may continue to reach Unhealthy or higher levels at times in some areas.
Wednesday	Winds are expected to increase starting Wednesday morning. The highest winds and PM10 levels are expected between 7 AM and 5 PM Wednesday. AQI may reach Unhealthy or higher 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 \(PDF\)](#).

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