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SCAQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory

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This advisory is in effect today through Fri., March 1. SCAQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect for Thursday, February 28, 2019 through Fri., March 1, 2019 for the Coachella Valley. Strong northwest winds overnight from the San Geronio Pass with the passage of a weak cold front have resulted in Unhealthy air quality in Coachella Valley (Area 30) this morning. In addition, there have been reports in the area of airborne dust and dust coating ground surfaces. Moderate northwest winds with wind gusts up to 30 miles per hour are predicted to continue in the Coachella Valley through Friday night. Additional areas in the Coachella Valley may experience elevated particulate levels as this wind event continues through today and into tomorrow.

Areas of direct dust impacts and Unhealthy air quality may include portions of:

- Riverside County: Areas 29 (San Geronio Pass), 30 (Coachella Valley), and 31 (East Riverside County).



In areas directly impacted by windblown dust: Everyone should avoid any vigorous outdoor or indoor exertion; people with respiratory or heart disease, the elderly, and children should remain indoors.

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www.AirAlerts.org
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- **For a map of SCAQMD Forecast Areas, see** <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/map-of-monitoring-areas.pdf>
- **For SCAQMD Daily Rule 403.1 High Wind Forecasts for the Coachella Valley:**
call (909) 396-2399 or 1-800-CUT-SMOG

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