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South Coast AQMD Continues Smoke Advisory Due to Getty Fire in Brentwood Area

Valid: Tues., October 29, through Weds. October 30, 2019

This advisory is in effect through Wednesday morning. South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

A fire called the Getty Fire is burning in northwest Los Angeles County west of the 405 freeway in the Brentwood neighborhood. As of 8:00 am, the burn area was 656 acres with 5% containment. The Getty Fire is producing visible smoke this morning based on webcam imagery but the smoke plumes are localized to the area of the fire. The highest hourly concentrations of PM2.5 occurred at the South Coast AQMD's monitor in West Los Angeles on Monday evening. This resulted in **Moderate** AQI levels, calculated with the NOWCAST method. Low cost sensors in Brentwood have showed elevated PM2.5 concentrations at times throughout Monday and into Tuesday morning. This has resulted in **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** AQI levels, calculated with the NOWCAST method. Visit https://www.aqmd.gov/aqdata to view current air quality conditions.

Forecasted Smoke Impacts

- Winds are predicted to be from the south and southwest on Tuesday morning and afternoon.
 This will push smoke to the north and northeast towards Encino, Sherman Oaks, Van Nuys, and the San Fernando Valley.
- On Tuesday evening winds are predicted to be from the east, pushing smoke to the west towards Topanga.
- After midnight on Wednesday morning winds are predicted to be from the northeast, which will
 push smoke to the southwest, towards Pacific Palisades and Santa Monica. Elevated ground
 level concentrations of PM2.5 are expected in the early morning hours of Wednesday.

If the fire continues to generate smoke on Tuesday and Wednesday morning, impacts are expected in Sherman Oaks, Van Nuys, Topanga, Pacific Palisades, and Santa Monica.

Overall, meteorological conditions may bring smoke and ash into portions of Northwest Coastal Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley. Air quality may reach Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher in areas directly impact by smoke.

In any area impacted by smoke: If you smell smoke or see ash due to a wildfire, limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed or seeking alternate shelter, and avoiding vigorous physical activity. For more tips on protecting yourself during a wildfire, see South Coast AQMD's Wildfire Smoke & Ash Health & Safety Tips page: http://www.aqmd.gov/wildfire-health-info-smoke-tips.

Areas of direct impacts and poor air quality may include portions of:

• Los Angeles County: Northwest Coastal LA County (Area 2), West San Fernando Valley (Area 6), East San Fernando Valley (Area 7)



- South Coast AQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link: <u>www.aqmd.gov/advisory</u>
- To subscribe to air quality alerts, advisories and forecasts by email, go to <u>www.AirAlerts.org</u>
- To view current air quality conditions by region in an interactive map, see www.aqmd.gov/aqimap
- For real-time air quality information, maps, notifications and health alerts in your area, download our award-winning South Coast AQMD app at: www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp
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- For a map of South Coast AQMD Forecast Areas, see http://www.aqmd.gov/ForecastAreas

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