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## South Coast AQMD Issues Smoke Advisory Due to Jerry Fire east of Moreno Valley

## Valid Friday, June 21, – Saturday, June 22

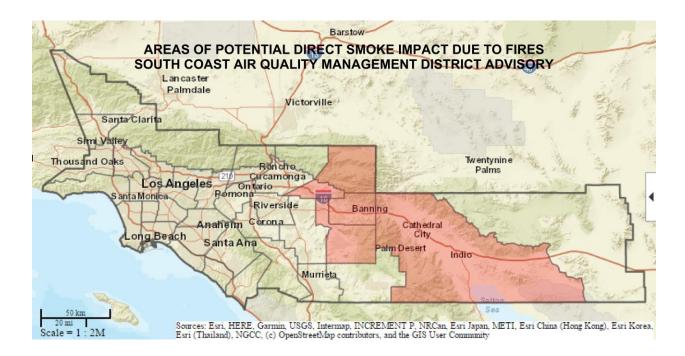
This advisory is in effect through Saturday afternoon. South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

A wildfire, named the Jerry Fire, is burning to the east of Moreno Valley near the edge of the Badlands area. The burn area is currently reported at approximately 500 acres with zero percent containment. Winds will be from the west during the evening and overnight hours through Saturday morning. Winds will then transition to be from the northwest through Saturday afternoon. Smoke impacts are expected in areas to the east of the fire, such as Banning and Palm Springs.

Overall, on Friday night and Saturday morning, westerly winds may push smoke into portions of Riverside County and San Bernardino County. Air quality may reach **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** levels or higher in areas directly impacted by smoke.

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

- Riverside County: Hemet-San Jacinto Valley (Area 28), San Gorgonio Pass (Area 29), Coachella Valley (Area 30)
- San Bernardino County: East San Bernardino Valley (Area 35), East San Bernardino Mountains (Area 38)



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 SCAQMD's Wildfire Smoke & Ash Health & Safety Tips page: <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/wildfire-health-info-smoke-tips">http://www.aqmd.gov/wildfire-health-info-smoke-tips</a>.

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- Air quality forecasts are available at http://www.aqmd.gov/forecast
- For a map of South Coast AQMD Forecast Areas, see http://www.aqmd.gov/ForecastAreas

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