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South Coast AQMD Continues Smoke Advisory Due to a Hay Fire in Chino

Valid Thurs., May 9, – Fri., May 10, 2019

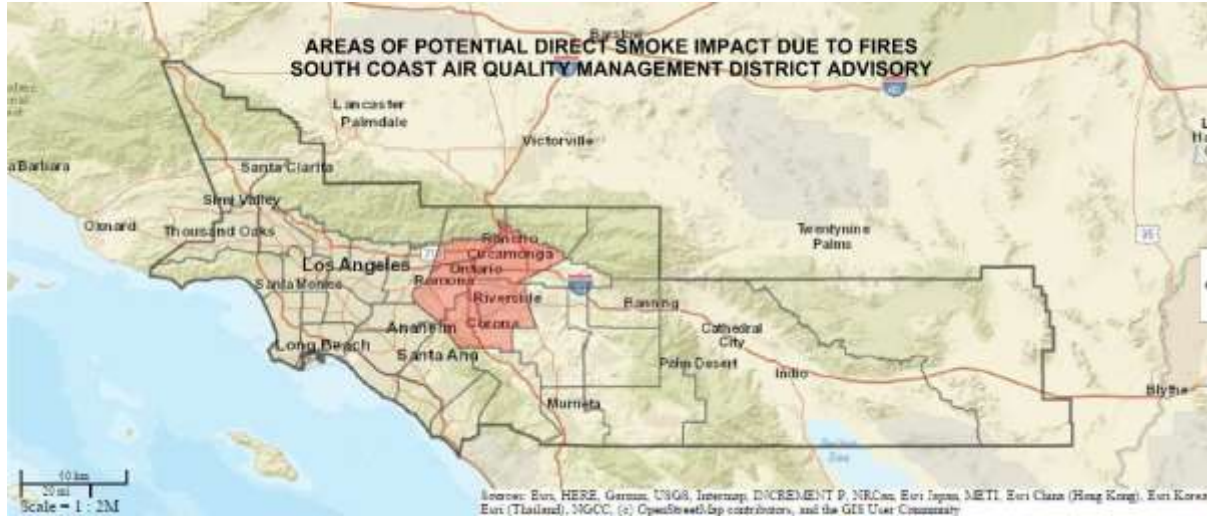
This advisory is in effect through Fri. afternoon, May 10. SCAQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

A large hay fire is currently burning at a dairy farm in Chino in the 8300 block of Pine Ave. The fire is contained, but is expected to burn for the next several days. Currently, the fire is producing heavy smoke, which is leading to elevated PM2.5 concentrations throughout the Inland Empire. On Wednesday afternoon, smoke impacted monitors in Mira Loma, Riverside, and to a lesser extent, Temecula, and Banning. Winds around the fire are expected to be moderate from the southwest until at least tomorrow night. The highest likelihood of smoke impacts will be in the Riverside area, but smoke impacts are possible throughout the Inland Empire.

Overall, meteorological conditions may bring smoke and ash into portions of Riverside County and San Bernardino County. Air quality may reach **Unhealthy** levels or higher in areas directly impacted by smoke.

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

- **Riverside County:** Corona-Norco (Area 22), Metropolitan Riverside County (Area 23)
- **San Bernardino County:** Northwest San Bernardino Valley (Area 32), Southwest San Bernardino Valley (Area 33), Central San Bernardino Valley (Area 34)



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: <http://www.aqmd.gov/wildfire-health-info-smoke-tips>.

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The SCAQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.