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South Coast AQMD Issues Smoke Advisory Due to the Tick Fire near Santa Clarita

Valid: Thurs. October 24, through Fri. October 25, 2019

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

The Tick Fire is burning to the northeast of Santa Clarita in Los Angeles County. As of 3:00pm, the burn area was estimated at 850 acres. The Tick Fire is producing visible smoke that is currently blowing to the southwest over Santa Clarita and towards Simi Valley and Agoura Hills. As a result, low-cost sensors are showing elevated PM2.5 concentrations in areas directly impacted by the smoke plume.

Winds are predicted to be from the northeast on Thursday afternoon through Friday morning, pushing smoke to the southwest towards Santa Clarita, Porter Ranch, Simi Valley, Calabasas, and the western portions of the San Fernando Valley. Wind speeds will be strong throughout the advisory period, with predicted gusts up to 25 mph continuing through Friday morning. If the fire continues to generate smoke, impacts are expected in the northern and western portions of the San Fernando Valley. Overall, meteorological conditions may bring smoke and ash into portions of the San Fernando Valley. Air quality may reach Unhealthy or higher in areas directly impacted 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), Santa Clarita Valley (Area 13), San Gabriel Mountains (Area 15)



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