



# SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **South Coast AQMD Continues Smoke Advisory Due to the Tick Fire near Santa Clarita**

*Valid: Fri., October 25, through Sat., October 26, 2019*

*This advisory is in effect through Saturday 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 7:00am, the burn area was estimated at 4,300 acres with 5% containment. The Tick Fire is producing less visible smoke this morning based on satellite and webcam imagery. The highest hourly concentrations of PM2.5 occurred at South Coast AQMD's monitor in Santa Clarita on Thursday afternoon, near the start of the fire. This resulted in Unhealthy AQI levels, calculated with the NOWCAST method. As of Friday morning, South Coast AQMD monitors and low-cost sensors in Santa Clarita and the San Fernando Valley were showing only slightly elevated PM2.5 concentrations, which is resulting in Moderate AQI levels. Visit <https://www.aqmd.gov/aqdata> to view current air quality conditions.

Winds are predicted to be from the northeast throughout Friday, pushing smoke to the southwest towards Santa Clarita, Porter Ranch, Simi Valley, Calabasas, and the San Fernando Valley. Winds will gust to 22 mph in the morning, decreasing to 15 mph in the afternoon and less than 10 mph in the evening after the Santa Ana event ends. Winds overnight and into Saturday morning will light and from the northwest. Elevated ground level concentrations of PM2.5 are expected in the early morning hours of Saturday. Winds will switch directions on Saturday morning to come from the southwest, which will push smoke to the northeast towards Agua Dulce and Acton. If the fire continues to generate smoke on Friday and Saturday morning, impacts are expected in Santa Clarita and the San Fernando Valley.

Overall, meteorological conditions may bring smoke and ash into portions of the San Fernando Valley. Air quality may reach Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups 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)



- South Coast AQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link: [www.aqmd.gov/advisory](http://www.aqmd.gov/advisory)
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