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## South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory

Valid: Mon., October 28, through Tues., October 29, 2019

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

A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect for Monday, October 28, 2019 through the morning of Tuesday, October 29. Strong Santa Ana winds have been impacting the region with wind gusts between 35-65 mph being recorded in portions of the basin. As a result, PM10 concentrations have increased, resulting in Very Unhealthy air quality.

Santa Ana winds are expected to peak on Monday morning and continue into the afternoon. Wind speeds will gradually weaken through Monday afternoon and become onshore and light in the evening. Due to high winds and low humidity, the National Weather Service (NWS) has issued red flag warnings for most areas within Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. The NWS red flag warnings expire on Monday evening. High wind warnings are also in effect for portions of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. The NWS high wind warnings will expire between noon and 2pm on Monday afternoon. For information regarding the NWS advisories and warnings, please visit the NWS Los Angeles/Oxnard (<a href="https://www.weather.gov/lox/">https://www.weather.gov/sgx/</a>) and San Diego (<a href="https://www.weather.gov/sgx/">https://www.weather.gov/sgx/</a>) websites.

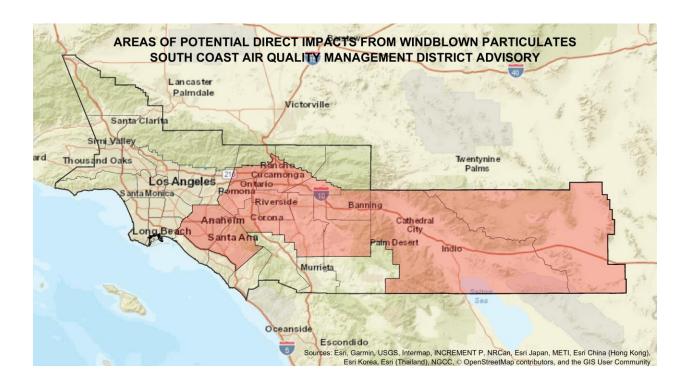
**In areas directly impacted by windblown dust**: Limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed and avoiding vigorous physical activity.

Overall, PM10 concentrations are expected to be elevated in portions of Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties due to the Santa Ana wind event. Air quality may reach Unhealthy or higher levels in areas directly impacted by dust.

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

 Orange County: Northern Orange County (Area 16), Central Orange County (Area 17), Saddleback Valley (Area 19)

- Riverside County: Corona-Norco (Area 22), Metropolitan Riverside County (Area 23), Perris Valley (Area 24), Hemet-San Jacinto Valley (Area 28), San Gorgonio Pass (Area 29), Coachella Valley (Area 30), East Riverside County (Area 31)
- San Bernardino County: Northwest San Bernardino Valley (Area 32), Southwest San Bernardino Valley (Area 33), Central San Bernardino Valley (Area 34), East San Bernardino Valley (Area 35)



- South Coast AQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link: www.agmd.gov/advisory
- To subscribe to air quality alerts, advisories and forecasts by email, go to www.AirAlerts.org
- To view current air quality conditions by region in an interactive map, see http://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: <a href="www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp">www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp</a>
- Air quality forecasts are available at <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/forecast">http://www.aqmd.gov/forecast</a>
- For South Coast AQMD Daily Rule 403.1 High Wind Forecasts for the Coachella Valley call (909) 396-2399 or 1-800-CUT-SMOG
- For a map of South Coast AQMD Forecast Areas, see http://www.aqmd.gov/ForecastAreas

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