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South Coast AQMD Extends Windblown Dust Advisory

Valid: Sunday, June 7, 2020 through Monday, June 8, 2020

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

The South Coast Air Quality Management District has extended a windblown dust advisory through the afternoon of Monday, June 8, 2020 in the Coachella Valley and portions of the South Coast Air Basin. Santa Ana Winds will increase the likelihood of poor air quality due to elevated particulate matter (PM10) concentrations.

Expected Conditions in the Coachella Valley

Over the past two days, strong winds out of the northwest in the Coachella Valley have led to Hazardous Air Quality Index (AQI) levels at times in the eastern Coachella Valley due to blowing dust. Similar wind conditions are expected from Sunday evening until Monday afternoon with sustained winds approaching 20 mph and gusts approaching 30 mph out of the north and northwest. Areas of blowing sand and blowing dust may result in periods of **Hazardous** AQI levels in the eastern Coachella Valley.

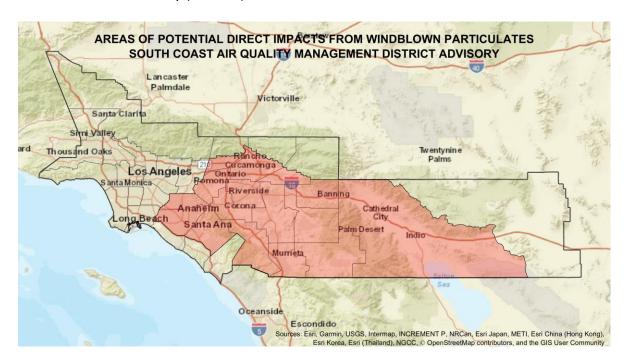
Expected Conditions in the South Coast Air Basin

A Santa Ana Wind event is expected to bring strong gusts between 35 and 45 mph into the Inland Empire, Inland Orange County, and the San Bernardino Mountains. Areas of blowing dust are possible, which may result in periods of **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher AQI levels due to elevated PM10 concentrations in the Inland Empire and Inland Orange County.

The National Weather Service has posted a wind advisory for the Inland Empire, inland Orange County, the Santa Ana mountains, and portions of the San Bernardino County mountains. The NWS wind advisory expires at 3 p.m. on Monday. For information regarding the NWS advisory, please visit the NWS San Diego (https://www.weather.gov/sgx/) website.

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), Lake Elsinore (Area 25), Temecula Valley (Area 26), Anza Valley (Area 27), Hemet-San Jacinto Valley (Area 28), San Gorgonio Pass (Area 29), Coachella Valley (Area 30)
- 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)



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

- South Coast AQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link: www.aqmd.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: www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp
- Air quality forecasts are available at http://www.aqmd.gov/forecast
- 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.

South Coast AQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties, including the Coachella Valley. For news, air quality alerts, event updates and more, please visit us at www.aqmd.gov, download our award-winning app, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.