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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Portions of Riverside, and San Bernardino counties

Valid: Sunday, February 2, 2020 through Tuesday, February 4, 2020

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 Sunday, February 2, 2020 through the morning of Tuesday, February 4. Strong winds from the west with gusts to 65 mph are predicted by the National Weather Service (NWS) for Sunday afternoon and evening. Winds will shift and come from the north and northeast starting Monday morning lasting through Tuesday with gusts from 40 – 55 mph. Areas of blowing sand and blowing dust are predicted throughout this wind event, which may result in **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher AQI levels for portions of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

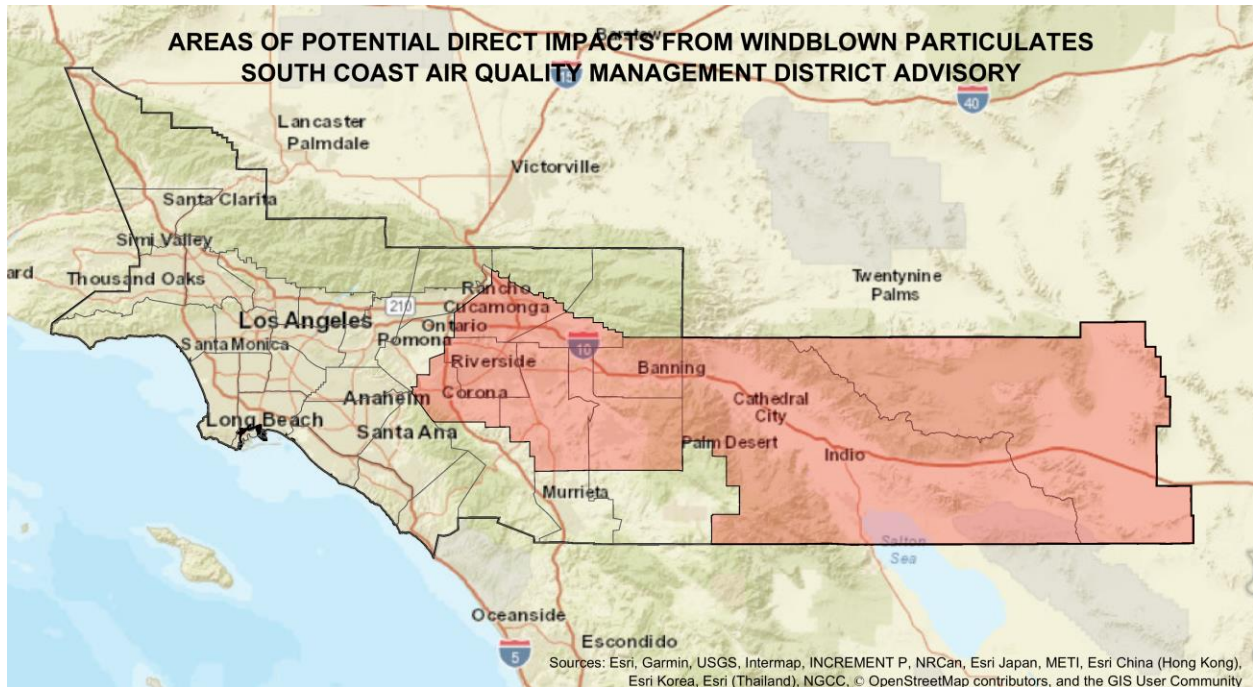
The NWS has posted high wind warnings for portions of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. NWS high wind warnings expire at 12 PM on Monday. For information regarding the NWS warnings, please visit the NWS San Diego (<https://www.weather.gov/sgx/>) website.

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 Riverside and San Bernardino Counties due to the Santa Ana wind event. Air quality may reach **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher levels in areas directly impacted by dust.

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

- **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:** Central San Bernardino Valley (Area 34), East San Bernardino Valley (Area 35)



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- 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
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- 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](#).

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