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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Portions of the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley

Valid: Saturday, February 13, 2021

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

A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect from the morning through the evening of Saturday, February 13, 2021. A high wind warning has been issued by the National Weather Service starting Saturday morning through late Saturday night throughout portions of the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley. The strongest winds, up to 60 mph, are expected in the San Geronio Pass. The Coachella Valley is expected to have gusts up to 55 mph on Saturday. Areas of blowing sand and blowing dust are predicted throughout this wind event, which may result in **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher Air Quality Index (AQI) levels. Localized areas of blowing ash are possible in areas near the 2020 wildfire burn scars.

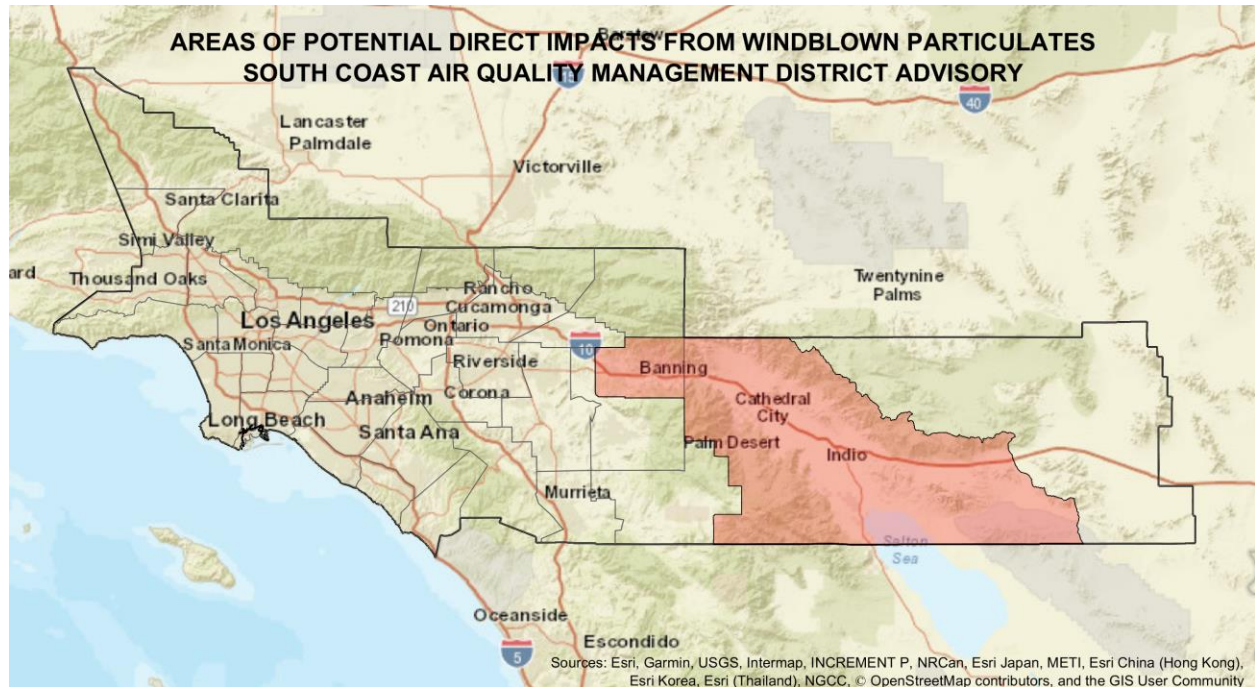
For information regarding the NWS high wind warnings, please visit the NWS San Diego (<https://www.weather.gov/sgx/>) and NWS Los Angeles (<https://www.weather.gov/lox/>) websites.

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

Overall, PM10 concentrations are expected to be elevated at times in portions of the South Coast Air Basin and the Coachella Valley due to the Santa Ana wind event. Air quality may reach **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher AQI levels in areas directly impacted by dust and ash.

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

- **Riverside County:** San Geronio Pass (Area 29), Coachella Valley (Area 30)



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- South Coast AQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link: www.aqmd.gov/advisory
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- To view current air quality conditions by region in an interactive map, see <http://www.aqmd.gov/aqimap>
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- For a map of South Coast AQMD Forecast Areas, see <http://www.aqmd.gov/ForecastAreas>.

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