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

Valid Monday March 08, 2021 through Thursday March 11, 2021

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

A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect from the afternoon of Monday March 8, 2021 through the evening of Thursday March 11, 2021. The National Weather Service has issued a Wind Advisory that is in effect through Friday morning for portions of the South Coast Air Basin and the Coachella Valley. Winds from the west with gusts up to 60 mph are expected in the mountains and deserts through early Friday morning. Areas of blowing dust and sand are predicted throughout this wind event, which may result in **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher Air Quality Index (AQI) levels in the South Coast Air Basin and the Eastern Coachella Valley. Localized areas of blowing ash are possible in areas near the 2020 wildfire burn scars.

The NWS has posted a Wind Advisory for portions of Riverside County, including the Coachella Valley, that is in effect from Monday morning at 8:00 AM through Friday morning at 4:00 AM. 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 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 Eastern Coachella Valley due to the 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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- For a map of South Coast AQMD Forecast Areas, see <http://www.aqmd.gov/ForecastAreas>.

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