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Debris from Tustin Air Base Hangar Fire Show Presence of Asbestos

Residents Encouraged to Follow Public Health Guidelines if They See Debris or Ash

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has been actively working with the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) and the Orange County Health Care Agency (HCA) on yesterday's fire at the former Tustin Air Base hangar. Samples of debris and ash were collected in public areas near the hangar, and results of laboratory testing show the presence of asbestos. The public is strongly encouraged to follow [precautions](#) outlined by the local public health agency when coming in contact with any debris or ash.

South Coast AQMD also collected air samples near the hangar and in nearby communities which are being analyzed in our laboratory for gaseous air toxics, such as benzene. In addition, mobile monitoring was conducted for metals such as lead and arsenic. Results of these measurements will be available in the next 24 hours.

In addition to OCFA and HCA, South Coast AQMD has provided results of our sampling efforts to, and continues to coordinate with, the City of Tustin, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, county and other local stakeholders.

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