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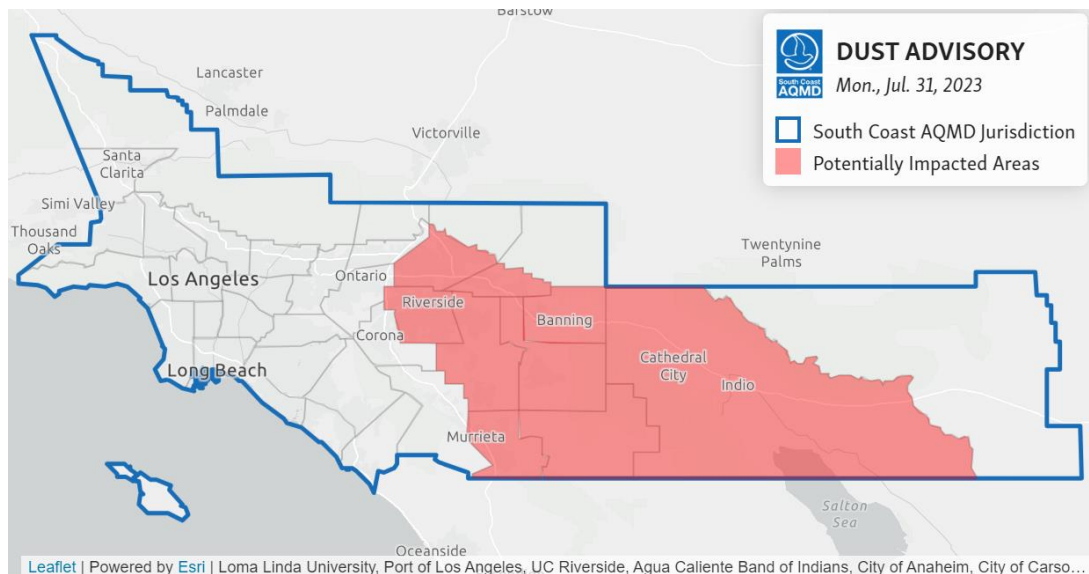
South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory due to High Winds in the Coachella Valley

Valid until 9:00 PM.

Current Conditions

- Winds from thunderstorms in the Imperial Valley and Coachella Valley have caused **Hazardous** particle pollution levels throughout the Coachella Valley and the San Geronio Pass area.
- Winds from the southeast have also brought dust into the eastern portion of the South Coast Air Basin, which includes the San Bernardino Valley, the Riverside area, the Cahuilla Valley and the Moreno Valley

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Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- In the Coachella Valley, particle pollution levels should continue to decline as the day progresses.
- However, in the eastern South Coast Air Basin, particle pollution levels may increase in the late morning and early afternoon before subsiding as the day progresses.

If you are in an area impacted by windblown dust or ash:

- Limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed or seeking alternate shelter.
- Avoid vigorous physical activity.
- Run your air conditioning and/or an air purifier. If possible, do not use swamp coolers or whole house fans that bring in outside air.
- Help minimize dust pollution by stabilizing loose soils and slowing down if driving on dirt roads.

For more information, see the [EPA Guide for Particle Pollution](#) (PDF).

South Coast AQMD is the regulatory agency responsible for improving air quality for large areas of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino 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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