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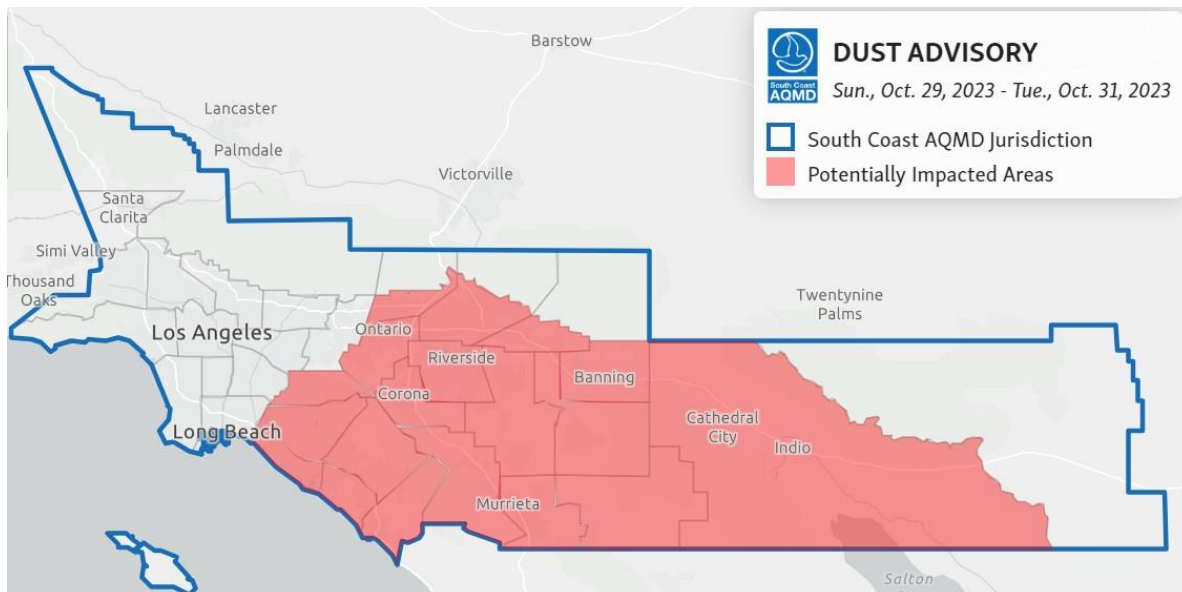
South Coast AQMD issues windblown dust advisory for the Coachella Valley, parts of the Inland Empire, and Orange County

Valid through, Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023

- High Santa Ana winds have lead to poor air quality throughout the Inland Empire, Orange County, and the Coachella Valley starting early Sunday Morning.

To view current air quality in your neighborhood, download the [South Coast AQMDapp](#) or visit www.aqmd.gov/AQImap.

Show recent air quality trends (up to Sunday, 9:00 AM)



Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- Periods of elevated particle pollution (PM10) levels in the Coachella Valley, the Inland Empire, and Orange County are expected to continue until Tuesday morning
- Blowing dust may result in Air Quality Index(AQI) levels that are **Very Unhealthy** or worse
- High PM10 levels in the region are a result of gusty Santa Ana winds, which can lift dust and soil into the air
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions
- As of Sunday morning, the National Weather Service (NWS) has posted Wind Advisories, High Wind Warnings, and Red Flag Warnings across the area. Visit the NWS San Diego www.weather.gov/sgx and NWS Los Angeles www.weather.gov/lox websites for more information

Detailed Forecast

Sunday	High PM10 levels are expected to continue due to gusty northeast winds. Very Unhealthy or worse AQI levels are possible throughout the advisory area.
Sunday evening until Monday morning	Some improvements in PM10 levels may occur as winds begin to subside. Unhealthy or worse AQI levels are possible throughout the advisory area.
Monday	Unhealthy or worse AQI levels are possible throughout the advisory area.

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

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