



SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

www.aqmd.gov

@SouthCoastAQMD    

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 30, 2024

MEDIA CONTACT:

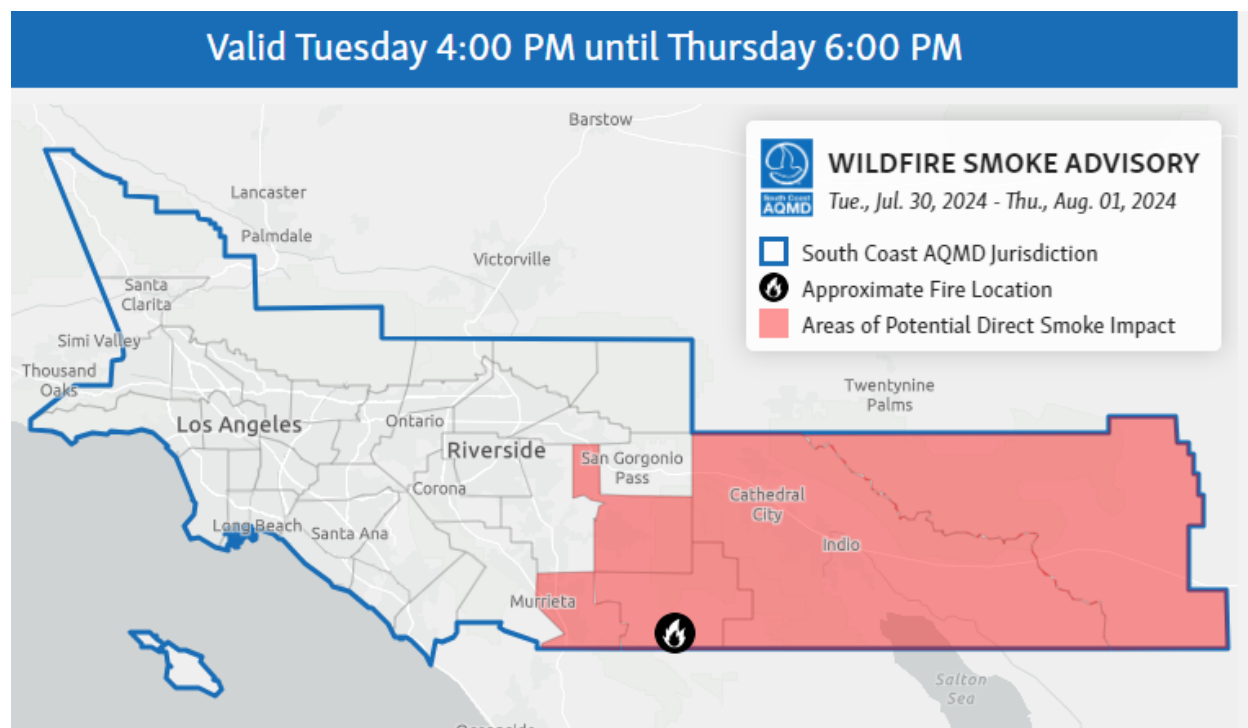
Nahal Mogharabi, (909) 396-3773, Cell: (909) 837-2431

Connie Villanueva, (909) 396-2409, Cell: (909) 215-5601

press@aqmd.gov

South Coast AQMD Extends Smoke Advisory Due to Nixon Fire

Valid Tuesday 4:00 PM until Thursday 6:00 PM



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

Current Conditions

- The Nixon Fire is burning in the Anza area in Riverside County
- As of 4:00 PM Tuesday, the Nixon fire has burned 4500 acres and is 0% contained

- For more information about the Nixon fire visit <https://share.watchduty.org/i/28529>
- On Tuesday evening, smoke from the fire was being blown to the northeast towards the Cahulla Reservation, the San Jacinto Mountains, and the Coachella Valley, based on satellite and camera imagery
- On Monday evening and Tuesday morning, sensors in Eastern Coachella Valley and Joshua Tree National Park measured PM2.5 levels in the Moderate to Unhealthy Air Quality Index (AQI) categories

Conditions may change quickly due to fire activity and weather. Download the [South Coast AQMD app](#) or visit www.aqmd.gov/AQImap to view current air quality in your neighborhood.

Forecasted Smoke and Air Quality Impacts

- Smoke from the Nixon fire will cause elevated PM2.5 levels in parts of Riverside County including the Coachella Valley, Anza Area, Hemet, San Jacinto, and Eastern Riverside County
- AQI may reach **Unhealthy** or higher in areas impacted by smoke
- AQI will be variable at times and will be higher in areas immediately adjacent to the fire
- Smoke impacts will be variable at times in the Coachella Valley, and may be higher in Eastern Coachella Valley than in other parts of Coachella Valley

Detailed Forecast

<p>Tuesday Night and Wednesday Morning</p>	<p>Smoke will remain closer to the ground and smoke impacts will be more pronounced close to the Nixon Fire. AQI may reach Very Unhealthy or higher in areas immediately adjacent to the fire including the Anza Area.</p>
<p>Wednesday Afternoon</p>	<p>Winds will push smoke from the Nixon fire to the northeast. AQI may reach Very Unhealthy or higher in areas immediately adjacent to the fire including the Anza Area, and AQI may reach Unhealthy or higher in Hemet, San Jacinto, the Coachella Valley, and Eastern Riverside County.</p>
<p>Wednesday night and Thursday morning</p>	<p>Smoke will remain closer to the ground and smoke impacts will be more pronounced close to the Nixon Fire. AQI may reach Very Unhealthy or higher in areas immediately adjacent to the fire including the Anza Area.</p>
<p>Thursday afternoon</p>	<p>Winds will again push smoke from the Nixon fire to the northeast. AQI may reach Very Unhealthy or higher in areas immediately adjacent to the fire including the Anza Area, and AQI may again reach Unhealthy or higher in Hemet, San Jacinto, the Coachella Valley, and Eastern Riverside County</p>

South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

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.
- Avoid burning wood in your fireplace or firepit and minimize sources of indoor air pollution such as candles, incense, pan-frying, and grilling.
- If you must be outside, a properly fit N95 or P100 respirator may provide some protection.

For more information, visit www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety.

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](#), [X](#) (formerly known as Twitter) and [Instagram](#).

###