



# SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **South Coast AQMD Extends Smoke and Windblown Dust Advisories** *Agency Issues Executive Order for Emergency Engines*

**DIAMOND BAR**—South Coast AQMD has three air quality advisories in effect. A smoke advisory has been issued for the Palisades, Eaton, and Hurst Fires that are burning in Pacific Palisades, the area of Altadena and Pasadena, and near San Fernando, respectively. Additionally, South Coast AQMD has extended a Windblown Dust Advisory until Thursday 6:00 p.m. due to high winds in most of Los Angeles, Orange, and Riverside Counties, which includes the South Coast Air Basin and the Coachella Valley. Additional information on all advisories is below.

In response to the ongoing wildfires and Governor Newsom's State of Emergency for Los Angeles County, South Coast AQMD has issued an Executive Order for use of emergency engines. The ongoing fires and windstorm conditions continue to threaten structures, homes, and critical infrastructure, including power lines and water tanks causing many power outages. South Coast AQMD's Executive Order suspends any rules or permit conditions limiting hours of operation for emergency engines that would delay critical actions necessary to combat the wildfires or protect public health or safety.

The Executive Order, which remains in effect until 11:59 pm on January 17, 2025 can be found [here](#).

### **Wildfire Smoke Advisory, valid until Thursday January 9, 5:00 PM**

The Palisades, Eaton, and Hurst Fires are burning in Pacific Palisades, the area of Altadena and Pasadena, and near San Fernando, respectively. As of 10:30 AM on Wednesday the fires have burned 2925, 10600, and 505 acres, respectively, and are all 0% contained.

Smoke from the Palisades Fire, Eaton Fire and Hurst Fire is expected to most heavily impact coastal, central, and southern Los Angeles County on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday. PM2.5 levels due to smoke may remain at the **Unhealthy** AQI category or higher in Malibu, Palisades, Altadena, Pasadena, Downtown Los Angeles and surrounding areas of fires.

AQI due to PM2.5 may reach the **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher category in northern and central Orange County and western San Bernardino County near Ontario and Rancho Cucamonga on Wednesday and Thursday.

If you are in an area impacted by smoke, limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed. Run your air conditioner with a high efficiency filter and/or an air purifier. It's best to avoid using swamp coolers or whole house fans that bring in outside air. If you must be outside, a properly fit N95 mask or P100 respirator may provide some protection. For additional information, visit our [Wildfire Smoke, Ash Health & Safety Tips webpage](#).

**Windblown Dust Advisory, valid until Thursday, January 9, 6:00 PM**

High winds will impact most of Los Angeles, Orange, and Riverside Counties in the South Coast Air Basin and the Coachella Valley. Blowing dust along with blowing ash from recent burn areas that were affected by summer wildfires may result in Air Quality Index (AQI) levels that are **Unhealthy** or worse.

In areas directly impacted by high levels of windblown dust or ash, limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed and avoiding vigorous physical activity. Run your air conditioning or an air purifier, if available, and avoid using whole house fans or swamp coolers that bring in outside air. Help minimize dust pollution by stabilizing loose soils and slowing down if driving on dirt roads. For tips on safe ash clean-up, please visit South Coast AQMD's Wildfire Smoke & Ash Health & Safety Tips page: <https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/wildfire-health-info-smoke-tips>.

**No-Burn Day Alert, valid until Thursday, January 9, 11:59 PM**

South Coast AQMD has issued a residential No-Burn Day alert for all those living in the South Coast Air Basin, which includes Orange County and non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties. South Coast AQMD reminds residents in these areas that burning wood in their fireplaces or any indoor or outdoor wood-burning device is prohibited at any time on Thursday January 9th. The No-Burn rule prohibits burning wood as well as manufactured fire logs, such as those made from wax or paper.

More information on all air quality advisories can be found at: [www.aqmd.gov/advisory](http://www.aqmd.gov/advisory)

Residents can check their air quality in real-time by downloading the South Coast AQMD App available in English and Spanish, or by viewing the AQI map found at the bottom of our homepage at [www.AQMD.gov](http://www.AQMD.gov).

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](http://www.aqmd.gov), download our award-winning app, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#) (formerly known as Twitter) and [Instagram](#).

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