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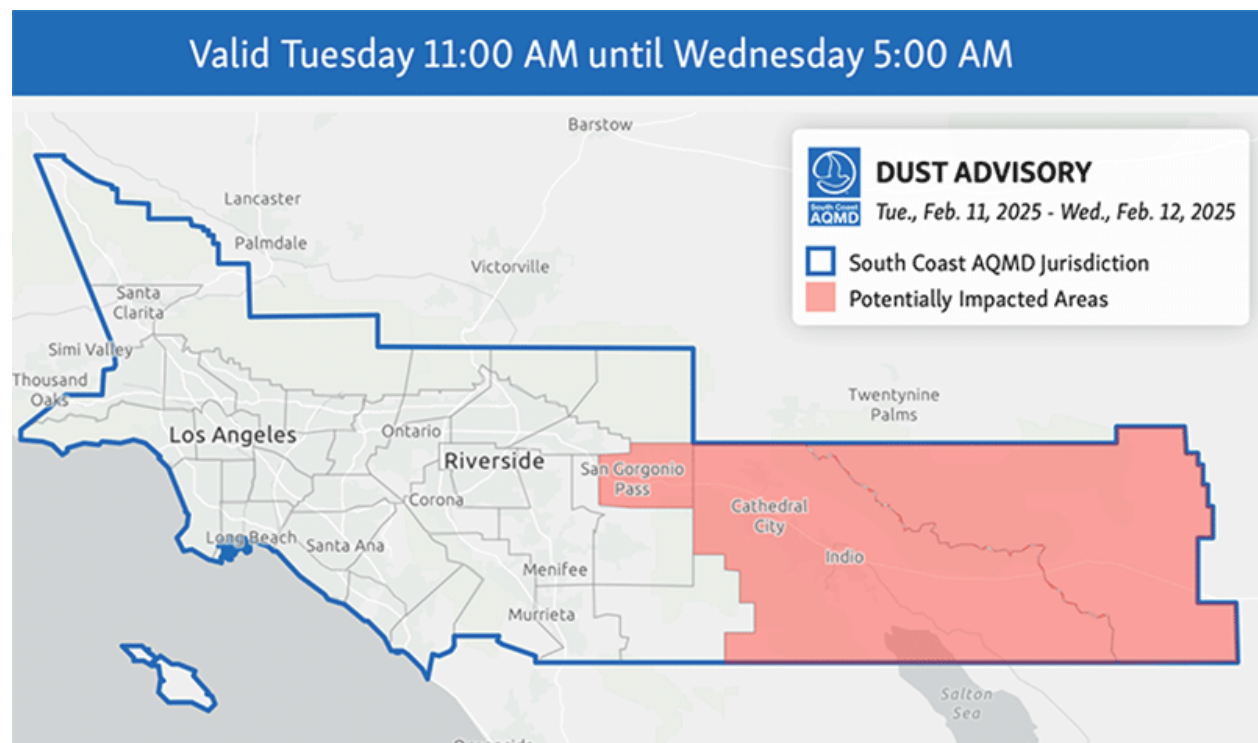
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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for the Banning Pass, Coachella Valley, and Eastern Riverside County

Valid until Wednesday 5:00 a.m.



Current Conditions

- High winds with gusts of 25 to 55 mph are causing windblown dust in parts of the Coachella Valley on Tuesday morning.
- Regulatory monitors in Indio and Mecca measured PM10 levels due to windblown dust in the **Moderate** to **Hazardous** Air Quality Index (AQI) categories between 5 AM to 9 AM Tuesday.
- A regulatory monitor in Palm Springs measured PM10 levels in the **Good** to **Moderate** AQI category between 5 AM to 9 AM Tuesday

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

Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- Blowing dust may result in poor air quality in the Banning Pass, Coachella Valley, and Eastern Riverside County through 5 AM Wednesday
- High PM10 levels in the region are a result of gusty winds, which can lift dust and soil into the air
- Winds from the west and northwest with gusts up to 55 mph are predicted through Tuesday night
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions

Detailed Forecast

Tuesday morning and afternoon	Wind gusts and PM10 levels will increase through Tuesday afternoon. PM10 levels in the Moderate to Hazardous AQI categories are possible, with the highest levels expected in parts of the Coachella Valley.
Tuesday night through 5 AM Wednesday	Wind gusts are expected to decrease starting Tuesday afternoon through Tuesday night. PM10 levels in the Moderate to Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher AQI categories are predicted, with the highest levels expected in the Coachella Valley.

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