

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 29, 2019

## South Coast AQMD Continues Windblown Dust Advisory for Portions of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties

Valid: Tues., October 29, through Thurs., October 31, 2019

This advisory is in effect through Thursday morning. South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect for Tuesday, October 29, 2019 through the morning of Thursday, October 31. Strong winds from the east and northeast with gusts to 55 mph are predicted by the National Weather Service (NWS). Santa Ana winds are predicted to be the strongest and most widespread on Wednesday morning. Areas of blowing sand and blowing dust are predicted throughout this Santa Ana wind event, which may result in Unhealthy or higher AQI levels for portions of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.

The NWS has posted high wind warnings and red flag warnings for portions of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties. NWS high wind warnings and red flag warnings expire at 6 p.m. on Thursday. For information regarding the NWS warnings, please visit the NWS Los Angeles/Oxnard (https://www.weather.gov/lox/) and San Diego (https://www.weather.gov/sgx/) websites.

In areas directly impacted by windblown dust: Limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed and avoiding vigorous physical activity.

Overall, PM10 concentrations are expected to be elevated in portions of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties due to the Santa Ana wind event. Air quality may reach **Unhealthy** or higher levels in areas directly impacted by dust.

Areas of direct impacts and poor air quality may include portions of:

- Orange County: Northern Orange County (Area 16), Central Orange County (Area 17)
- Riverside County: Corona-Norco (Area 22), Metropolitan Riverside County (Area 23), Perris Valley (Area 24), Lake Elsinore (Area 25), Temecula Valley (Area 26), Anza Valley (Area 27), Hemet-San Jacinto Valley (Area 28), San Gorgonio Pass (Area 29), Coachella Valley (Area 30), East Riverside County (Area 31)

• San Bernardino County: Northwest San Bernardino Valley (Area 32), Southwest San Bernardino Valley (Area 33), Central San Bernardino Valley (Area 34), East San Bernardino Valley (Area 35)



- South Coast AQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link: www.agmd.gov/advisory
- To subscribe to air quality alerts, advisories and forecasts by email, go to www.AirAlerts.org
- To view current air quality conditions by region in an interactive map, see <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/aqimap">http://www.aqmd.gov/aqimap</a>
- For real-time air quality information, maps, notifications and health alerts in your area, download our award-winning South Coast AQMD app at: www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp
- Air quality forecasts are available at http://www.agmd.gov/forecast
- For South Coast AQMD Daily Rule 403.1 High Wind Forecasts for the Coachella Valley call (909) 396-2399 or 1-800-CUT-SMOG
- For a map of South Coast AQMD Forecast Areas, see <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/ForecastAreas">http://www.aqmd.gov/ForecastAreas</a>.

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