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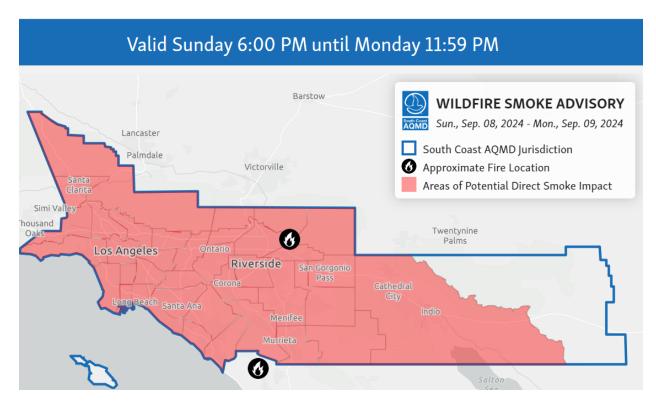
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South Coast AQMD Extends Smoke Advisory due to Line and Roblar Fires

Valid Sunday 6:00 PM until Monday 11:59 PM



Current Conditions

- The Line Fire is burning between Highland and Running Springs. As of 5 PM on Sunday, the fire has burned 17,459 acres and is 0% contained. For more information about the Line Fire, visit the CalFire incident page at https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2024/9/5/line-fire/.
- The Roblar Fire is burning in Camp Pendleton. As of 5 PM on Sunday, the fire has burned 856 acres and is 0% contained. For more information about the Roblar Fire visit the CalFire incident page at https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2024/9/7/roblar-fire/.

- Several regulatory monitors including San Bernardino, Crestline, Fontana, Los Angeles, Ontario,
 Riverside, Big Bear, and Lake Elsinore have measured PM2.5 levels between the Unhealthy for
 Sensitive Groups and Hazardous Air Quality Index (AQI) category during Saturday night and
 Sunday evening.
- Thundershowers in the mountains on Sunday afternoon provided little relief from smoke.
- Based on satellite and webcam imagery, widespread smoke is over San Bernardino, Riverside,
 Orange, and Los Angeles Counties.
- Per South Coast AQMD Rule 444, burning wood on the beach is prohibited on Monday September 9th from Corona Del Mar State Beach to the San Diego County line due to forecasted AQI values above 100.
- Note that the South Coast Air Basin is also being impacted by high daytime ozone concentrations related to the ongoing heatwave. Visit https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/air-quality-advisories to see all advisories currently in effect.

Conditions may change quickly due to fire activity and weather. Download https://www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp or visit www.aqmd.gov/AQImap to view current air quality in your neighborhood.

Forecasted Smoke and Air Quality Impacts

- Smoke from the Line and Roblar fires are expected to cause PM2.5 levels to reach at least the
 Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI category at times on Sunday and Monday in San
 Bernardino, Riverside, Orange, and Los Angeles Counties with many areas reaching the Very
 Unhealthy or Hazardous AQI categories.
- The highest smoke impacts are expected close to the fires and a large inland area between Pomona, the San Bernardino Mountains, Banning, and Murrieta.
- AQI levels may reach the **Unhealthy** or higher AQI category on Sunday and Monday in large
 parts of the South Coast Air Basin from high levels of ozone (smog) due to the ongoing heat
 wave.
- Smoke impacts in the South Coast Air Basin will likely continue until fire activity decreases for the Line and Roblar Fires. South Coast Air Quality Management District will continue to provide daily smoke advisory updates until air quality impacts from smoke subside.

Detailed Forecast

Sunday evening	PM2.5 levels are expected to increase to Very Unhealthy or higher in inland areas, especially the Inland Empire. Smoke impacts are expected to decrease somewhat in Los Angeles County and are more likely to be closer to the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI category.
Sunday night and Monday morning	PM2.5 levels may reach the Very Unhealthy AQI category or higher in southern Orange County, the Inland Empire, the San Bernardino Mountains, and surrounding areas. Portions of Los Angeles coast are expected to have the least

	impacts. PM2.5 levels may reach the Unhealthy AQI category or higher in Coachella Valley.
Monday	San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange, and Los Angeles Counties may all be impacted by wildfire smoke. PM2.5 levels will be highest closest to the fire. The PM2.5 levels will depend on fire activity.

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

If you are in an area impacted by smoke:

- 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.