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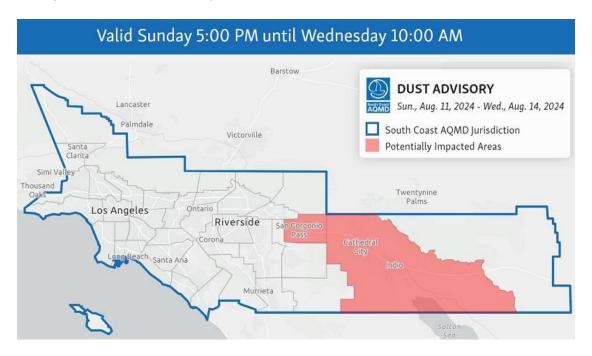
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South Coast AQMD Issues a Windblown Dust Advisory for the Coachella Valley

Valid Sunday 5:00 PM until Wednesday 10:00 AM



To view current air quality in your neighborhood, download the <u>South Coast AQMD app</u> or visit <u>www.aqmd.gov/AQImap</u>.

Current Conditions

 Wind gusts up to 28 mph were observed at Indio overnight and PM10 levels reached Very Unhealthy Air Quality Index (AQI) values.

Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

• Windblown dust is expected to cause Air Quality Index (AQI) values to reach **Unhealthy** or worse in the Coachella Valley and Banning pass between Sunday evening and Wednesday morning.

- High winds can lead to windblown dust; gusts up to 30 miles per hour are expected.
- AQI levels will vary over time and by location depending on wind speed and direction.
- AQI levels will likely be highest at night.
- South Coast AQMD will issue an update if poor air quality is expected to persist.

Detailed Forecast

Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings and nights	AQI may reach Unhealthy or higher.
Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday daytime	Air quality might improve slightly due to reduced wind speeds.

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.