

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 28, 2024

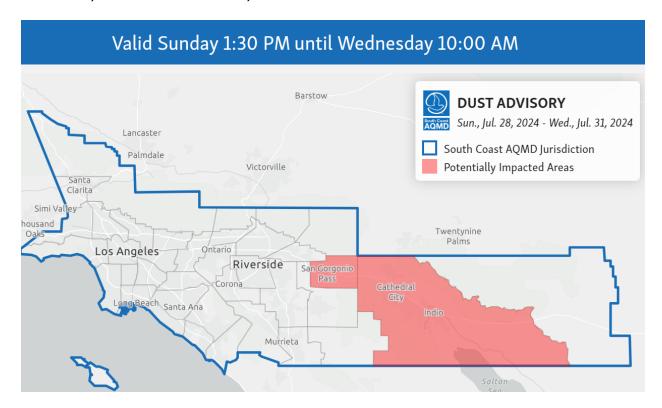
MEDIA CONTACT:

Nahal Mogharabi, (909) 396-3773, Cell: (909) 837-2431 Kim White (909) 396-3456, Cell: (909) 323-9479

press@aqmd.gov

South Coast AQMD Extends Windblown Dust Advisory for the San Gorgonio Pass area and the Coachella Valley

Valid Sunday 1:30 PM until Wednesday 10:00 AM



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

Current Conditions

- PM10 levels at Mecca reached Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups Air Quality Index (AQI) values overnight
- PM10 levels at Palm Springs and Indio reached the Moderate AQI values overnight

Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- Windblown dust is expected to cause Air Quality Index (AQI) values to reach Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or worse between Sunday evening and Wednesday morning.
- High winds can lead to windblown dust; gusts up to 40 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 for Sensitive Groups 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.