



# SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **South Coast AQMD Statement on the American Lung Association's 25th State of the Air Report**

Today, the American Lung Association (ALA) published its 25<sup>th</sup> State of the Air Report, grading counties in the United States based on air pollution levels, specifically ozone (smog) and fine particulate matter (PM 2.5). Los Angeles will again be among the worst in the nation for ozone. While we have made tremendous gains in cleaning the air over the past several decades, including significant reductions in unhealthy ozone days, our fight for clean air is far from over.

South Coast AQMD has been hard at work passing the strictest regulations in the country on the stationary sources we regulate such as factories, refineries, and power plants. While our authority over mobile sources is limited, we are implementing the first-of-its-kind Indirect Source Rule for Warehouses which reduces emissions associated with warehouse operations and are currently developing proposals for additional rules for railyards and ports. Our 2022 air quality management plan is the most ambitious regional plan to date and the first to rely on zero-emissions technology across all business, industry, and residential sectors where currently available that aims to reduce emissions by 70 percent by 2037. And, we continue to invest in clean technologies.

Our communities deserve more. We know that Southern California is a hub for goods movement and the demand for goods is still high. Heavy-duty trucks, ships, trains, and planes that transport these goods are traveling through or around our communities. While mobile sources contribute to a very lucrative industry, communities throughout the region continue to suffer the consequences of its pollution and end up battling illnesses like asthma or even worse, cancer. We need to collectively do more.

Most of the smog-forming emissions contributing to elevated ozone and PM 2.5 levels in our region are primarily from heavy-duty mobile sources – trucks, ships, planes, locomotives and construction equipment under federal authority. Our journey toward cleaner air demands that we come together on a local, state and federal level to develop solutions so that hopefully, one day, Los Angeles will no longer top the State of the Air Report.

Our agency has proven that with the right regulations, funding, and partnerships with communities, businesses, and state, local and federal governments, improving air quality and eventually achieving zero emissions is possible.

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](http://www.aqmd.gov), download our award-winning app, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#) (formerly known as Twitter) and [Instagram](#).

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