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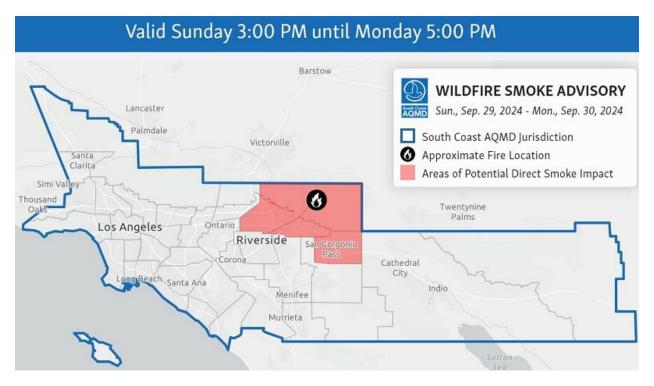
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South Coast AQMD Extends Smoke Advisory Due to Line Fire

Valid Sunday 3:00 p.m. until Monday 5:00 p.m.



Current Conditions

 The Line Fire has pockets of unburned fuels that are burning within containment lines in the Bear Creek and Sana Ana River drainages, producing smoke on Sunday. The fire remains 83% contained. There is more fuel in Bear Creek and Santa Ana River drainages that will burn creating smoke over the next few days. For more information about the Line Fire, visit the

- CalFire incident page at https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2024/9/5/line-fire/ and the InciWeb webpage at https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/cabdf-line-fire.
- PM2.5 reached the Very Unhealthy Air Quality Index (AQI) category in Big Bear Lake and the Unhealthy AQI category in Angelus Oaks on Saturday night due to smoke from the Line Fire. PM2.5 reached the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI category in San Bernardino and Jurupa Valley on Sunday morning. At 2 PM Sunday, smoke again impacted Big Bear Lake, with PM2.5 levels in the Unhealthy AQI category.
- Information about Wildfire Smoke & Ash Health & Safety is available at https://www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety.

Conditions may change quickly due to fire activity and weather. Download the <u>South Coast AQMD</u> <u>app</u> or visit <u>www.aqmd.gov/AQImap</u> to view current air quality in your neighborhood.

Forecasted Smoke and Air Quality Impacts

As pockets of unburned fuel burn within the Line Fire containment lines, smoke from the fire is
expected to impact parts of the San Bernardino Mountains and parts of San Bernardino and
Riverside counties over the next few days. The San Bernardino mountains may reach Very
Unhealthy AQI categories or higher, with the highest AQI immediately adjacent to the Bear
Creek and Santa Ana River drainages where fuel is burning.

Detailed Forecast

Sunday afternoon	PM2.5 levels may reach the Very Unhealthy AQI category or higher on Sunday afternoon in parts of the San Bernardino mountains including Big Bear Lake, Running Springs, Angelus Oaks, and nearby areas.
Sunday evening through Monday morning	Calm winds in the South Coast Air basin are expected to cause smoke to impact Highland, San Bernardino, Redlands, Yucaipa, Beaumont, and surrounding areas, with AQI reaching the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher category. AQI may again reach Very Unhealthy or higher in the San Bernardino mountains, with the highest AQI expected near the Bear Creek or Santa Ana River drainages, including in Angelus Oaks and Running Springs. Smoke impacts with AQI in the Moderate category are expected in the Banning Pass and Western Coachella Valley.
Monday afternoon	PM2.5 levels may again reach the Very Unhealthy AQI category or higher on Monday afternoon in parts of the San Bernardino mountains including Big Bear Lake, Running Springs, Angelus Oaks, and surrounding areas.

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.