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South Coast AQMD Launches Dashboard for Air Monitoring Data

PM2.5, PM10 data updated hourly

DIAMOND BAR—Today, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) launched a new dashboard, that shows particulate matter data from two monitoring sites set up this week in the Eaton and Palisades fire areas. The air monitors collect data hourly, and results are available online in near real-time.

Debris removal could cause hazardous dust and ash to become airborne. The continuous monitors check for dust (PM10) and fine particles (PM2.5). These can enter the lungs and may have negative health impacts.

South Coast AQMD uses data from these sites to evaluate air quality near staging areas, truck activity, and other locations impacted by cleanup activities.

Asbestos and Toxic Metal Monitoring

Air toxic metals and asbestos will be sampled every three days. The monitors collect an air sample over a 24-hour period. The air samples are then collected and delivered for expedited laboratory analysis. Data will be available approximately one week after collection.

How to Access the Dashboard

The data dashboard is accessible on South Coast AQMD's <u>wildfire</u> response page. The public can click on the dashboard map and view data from both monitoring sites.

About the Monitoring Effort

South Coast AQMD is conducting air monitoring in the Eaton and Palisades fire areas. Two air monitoring sites were set up based on mobile survey results, cleanup activity, and proximity to sensitive areas like schools and homes. Additional air monitors will be deployed soon. The two monitoring sites are located:

- Near Altadena Golf Course, within the community affected by the Eaton Fire, close to key staging areas.
- Near Will Rogers State Beach, within the community affected by the Palisades Fire.

For access to the data dashboard along with additional information on South Coast AQMD's wildfire response efforts, please visit <u>www.aqmd.gov/lawildfires</u>.

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