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# Eaton and Palisades Air Monitoring Update

**DIAMOND BAR** – The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) continues its expanded air monitoring efforts in response to ongoing debris removal efforts near the Eaton and Palisades fire areas. Air monitoring will provide data for particulate matter (PM2.5 and PM10), air toxics (such as lead and arsenic), and asbestos in communities near the burn zones.

### Updates as of March 6, 2025:

## Stationary Air Monitoring is Ongoing, New Monitoring Site Identified

- One new site has been deployed in the Palisades fire area at Fire Station 69.
  - This is in addition to the current monitoring site near Will Rogers State Beach.
    - Air Monitors are fully deployed in the Eaton area. Monitoring sites are near the Altadena Golf Course, Fire Station 11, and Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church.

### **Eaton Data Results**

- 2/27/2025 Samples from Altadena Golf Course and Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church:
  - o All air toxic metals are within background levels. Asbestos was not detected.
  - To date, continuous PM10 and PM2.5 hourly data were below federal standards.

### **Palisades Data Results**

- 2/27/2025 Samples from the Site near Will Rogers State Beach:
  - Some air toxic metals such as arsenic and nickel were above background levels, but do not pose an immediate health risk. Asbestos was not detected.
  - To date, continuous PM10 and PM2.5 hourly data were below federal standards.

Sites were chosen based on the first and second mobile survey results, cleanup activity, proximity to sensitive receptors (such as residents and schools), meteorological conditions, and access to power and security for the monitoring equipment.

All available data can be found at: <u>www.aqmd.gov/lawildfires</u> or directly on the data dashboard at: <u>https://xappp.aqmd.gov/WildFireMonitoring</u>

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