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## **South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Portions of the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley**

***Valid: Saturday, February 27 through Sunday, February 28, 2021***

*This advisory is in effect through Sunday afternoon. South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.*

A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect from the afternoon of Saturday, February 27, 2021 through the afternoon of Sunday, February 28, 2021. The National Weather Service has issued High Wind Watches and Wind Advisories that are in effect starting Saturday evening through Sunday afternoon for portions of the South Coast Air Basin. Santa Ana winds from the northeast with gusts up to 60 – 75 mph are expected in the mountains and foothills starting on Saturday evening and lasting through Sunday afternoon. Areas of blowing dust and sand are predicted throughout this wind event, which may result in **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher Air Quality Index (AQI) levels in the South Coast Air Basin and the Eastern Coachella Valley. Localized areas of blowing ash are possible in areas near the 2020 wildfire burn scars.

The NWS has posted High Wind Watches and Wind Advisories for portions of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties from Saturday evening at 10:00 PM through Sunday afternoon at 4:00 PM. For information regarding the NWS warnings, please visit the NWS San Diego (<https://www.weather.gov/sgx/>) and NWS Los Angeles (<https://www.weather.gov/lox/>) websites.

**In areas directly impacted by windblown dust and ash:** Limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed and avoiding vigorous physical activity.

Overall, PM10 concentrations are expected to be elevated at times in portions of the South Coast Air Basin and the Eastern Coachella Valley due to the Santa Ana wind event. Air quality may reach **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher AQI levels in areas directly impacted by dust and ash.

Areas of direct impacts and poor air quality may include portions of:

- **Los Angeles County:** East San Gabriel Valley (Area 9), Pomona-Walnut Valley (Area 10)
- **Orange County:** Northern Orange County (Area 16), Central Orange County (Area 17), Saddleback Valley (Area 19)
- **Riverside County:** Corona-Norco (Area 22), Metropolitan Riverside County (Area 23), Perris Valley (Area 24), Lake Elsinore (Area 25), Hemet-San Jacinto Valley (Area 28), San Geronio Pass (Area 29), Coachella Valley (Area 30)
- **San Bernardino County:** Northwest San Bernardino Valley (Area 32), Southwest San Bernardino Valley (Area 33), Central San Bernardino Valley (Area 34), East San Bernardino Valley (Area 35)



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- South Coast AQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link: [www.aqmd.gov/advisory](http://www.aqmd.gov/advisory)
- To subscribe to air quality alerts, advisories and forecasts by email, go to [www.AirAlerts.org](http://www.AirAlerts.org)
- To view current air quality conditions by region in an interactive map, see <http://www.aqmd.gov/aqimap>
- For real-time air quality information, maps, notifications and health alerts in your area, download our award-winning South Coast AQMD app at: [www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp](http://www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp)
- Air quality forecasts are available at <http://www.aqmd.gov/forecast>
- For a map of South Coast AQMD Forecast Areas, see <http://www.aqmd.gov/ForecastAreas>.

South Coast AQMD is the air pollution control agency for major portions of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside counties, including the Coachella Valley. For news, air quality alerts, event

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