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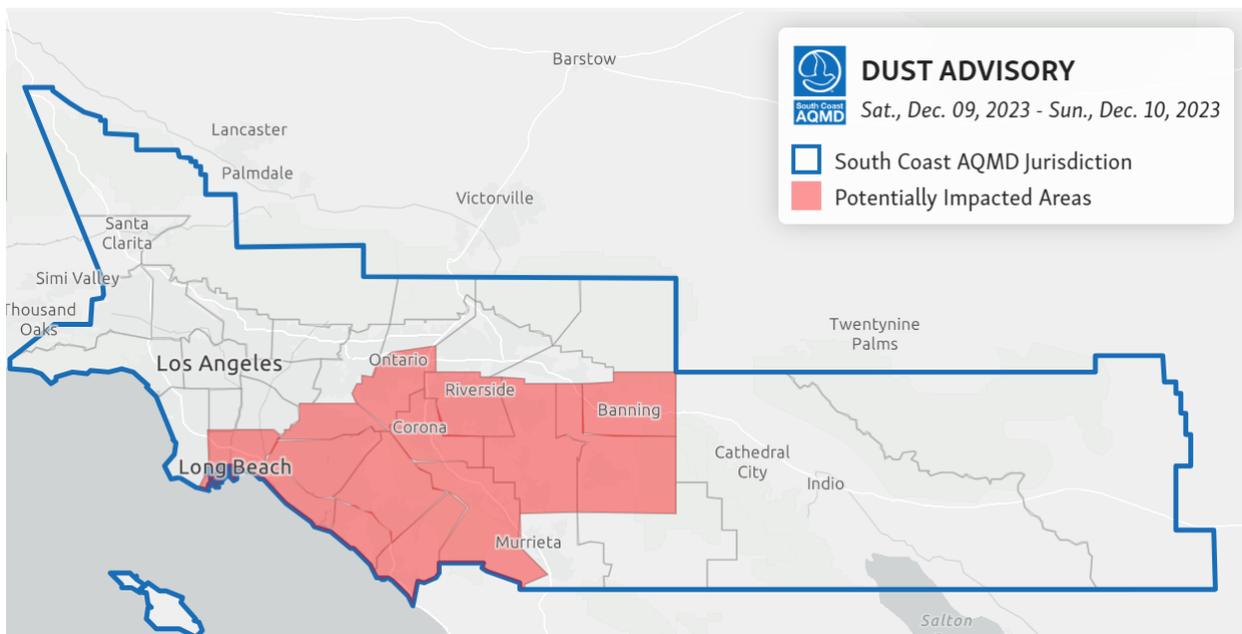
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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for the Inland Empire, Orange County and Long Beach

Valid Saturday 1:30 PM until Sunday 3:00 PM



- High Santa Ana winds have led to windblown dust throughout the Inland Empire including Riverside and Lake Elsinore, Orange County, and Long Beach

To view current air quality in your neighborhood, download the [South Coast AQMD app](#) or visit www.aqmd.gov/AQImap.

Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- Periods of elevated particle pollution (PM10) levels in the Inland Empire, Orange County, and Long Beach are expected to continue through Sunday afternoon due to gusty winds from the northeast

- Blowing dust may result in Air Quality Index (AQI) levels that are Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or worse at times
- High PM10 levels in the region are a result of gusty Santa Ana winds, which can lift dust and soil into the air
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions
- As of Saturday morning, the National Weather Service (NWS) has posted Wind Advisories across the area. Visit the NWS San Diego www.weather.gov/sgx website for more information

If you are in an area impacted by windblown dust or ash:

- 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.
- Help minimize dust pollution by stabilizing loose soils and slowing down if driving on dirt roads.

For more information, see the [EPA Guide for Particle Pollution](#) (PDF).

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](#).

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