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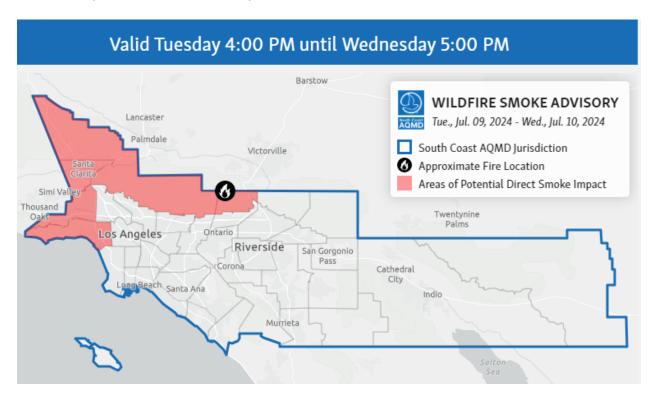
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South Coast AQMD Issues Wildfire Smoke Advisory Due to Santa Barbara County Lake Fire and Angeles National Forest Vista Fire

Valid Tuesday 4:00 PM until Wednesday 5:00 PM



Current Conditions

- Smoke from two fires may impact air quality in the region.
- The Lake Fire in Santa Barbara County is currently 26,176 acres with 12% containment. The Vista Fire is burning in Angeles National Forest, north of Rancho Cucamonga, and is currently 1,295 acres with 0% containment as of Tuesday afternoon.
- For additional information about the fires visit Watch Duty.
- As of 3:00PM on Tuesday, heavy smoke is currently visible on satellite and camera imagery from both fires.

• The National Weather Service (NWS) in Los Angeles has issued a Red Flag Warning for fire growth. For more information please see the NWS Los Angeles website.

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

Forecasted Smoke and Air Quality Impacts

- Wildfire smoke will cause elevated PM2.5 levels in the Santa Monica Mountains, the western San Fernando Valley, the Santa Clarita Valley and the San Gabriel Mountains.
- Air Quality Index (AQI) may reach Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher in areas impacted by smoke.
- Air quality may be worse in areas immediately adjacent to the fire.

Detailed Forecast

Tuesday afternoon and evening	Winds will push smoke from the Lake Fire to the east and into the region. AQI may reach Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher in areas impacted by smoke. Areas in direct proximity to the fires will likely see the highest particle pollution levels overnight as smoke is likely to remain closer to the ground.
Wednesday	Winds from the southeast may improve air quality as the day progresses.

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.