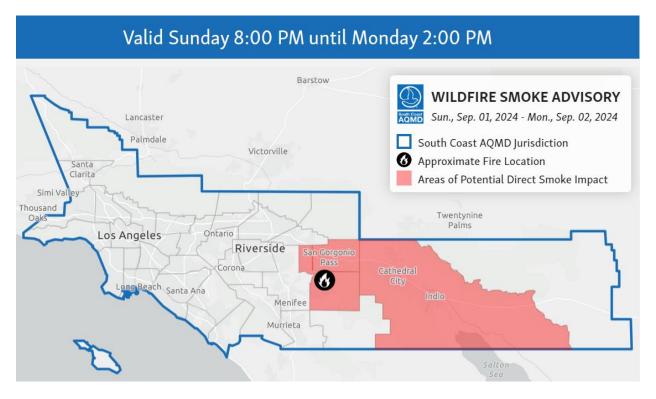


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South Coast AQMD Issues Wildfire Smoke Advisory due to Record Fire burning in Riverside County

Valid Sunday 8:00 PM until Monday 2:00 PM



Current Conditions

- The Record Fire is burning in the San Jacinto area in Riverside County
- As of 7:00 PM Tuesday, the Record fire has burned 650 acres and is 0% contained
- For more information about the Record fire visit <u>https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2024/9/1/record-fire</u>
- On Sunday evening, smoke from the fire was being blown to the southeast towards the Soboba Reservation and the San Jacinto Mountains, based on satellite and camera imagery

• On Sunday evening, sensors in San Jancito and Helmet measured PM2.5 levels in the **Moderate** Air Quality Index(AQI) category

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

• AQI may reach **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher in areas immediately adjacent to the fire and may reach **Moderate** or higher levels in the San Gorgonio Pass and Coachella Valley

Detailed Forecast

Sunday night	Smoke will remain closer to the ground and smoke impacts will be more pronounced close to the Record Fire. AQI may reach Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher in areas immediately adjacent to the fire. Wind may push smoke through the San Gorgonio Pass to Coachella Valley at night and AQI may reach Moderate or above in these areas.
Monday morning	Air quality may improve as surface smoke mixes higher into the atmosphere. However, increased fire activity may lead to more smoke production.

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 <u>www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety</u>.

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 <u>www.aqmd.gov</u>, download our award-winning app, or follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>X</u> (formerly known as Twitter) and <u>Instagram</u>.