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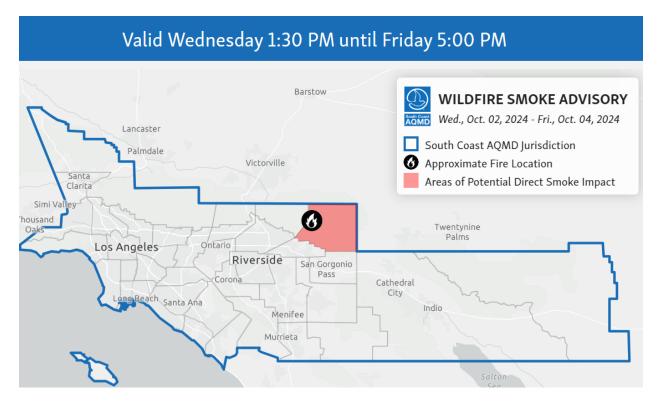
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South Coast AQMD Continues Smoke Advisory Due to Line Fire

Valid Wednesday 1:30 p.m. until Friday 5:00 p.m.



Current Conditions

• The Line Fire has pockets of fuels that are burning in the Bear Creek and Santa Ana River drainages. As of Wednesday morning, the fire has burned 43,890 acres and is 79 percent contained. There is more fuel in Bear Creek and Santa Ana River drainages that will burn and create smoke over the next few days. For more information about the Line Fire, visit the CalFire

- incident page at https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2024/9/5/line-fire/ and the InciWeb webpage at https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/cabdf-line-fire.
- PM2.5 levels were in the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups to Moderate Air Quality Index (AQI) categories in Angelus Oaks on Wednesday morning. PM2.5 levels were Good to Moderate since Tuesday afternoon at other monitors and sensors in the area, including in Big Bear Lake, Running Springs, Lake Arrowhead, San Bernardino, Redlands, Riverside, and surrounding areas. Ozone reached the Unhealthy AQI category in parts of the South Coast Air Basin on Tuesday afternoon.
- Information about Wildfire Smoke & Ash Health & Safety is available at https://www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety.

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

Forecasted Smoke and Air Quality Impacts

- Smoke from the Line Fire is expected to mostly impact parts of the San Bernardino Mountains, where the AQI category may reach **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher, with the highest AQI immediately adjacent to the Bear Creek and Santa Ana River drainages.
- Afternoon and evening AQI levels in parts of San Bernardino County will also be elevated due to ozone (smog) formation over the next few days.
- The Smoke Outlook for the Line Fire from the U.S. Interagency Wildland Fire Air Quality Response Program is available at https://outlooks.airfire.org/outlook/50df5098

Detailed Forecast

Wednesday afternoon	PM2.5 levels may reach the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI category or higher on Wednesday afternoon in parts of the San Bernardino mountains including Angelus Oaks, with the highest levels immediately adjacent to the Bear Creek and Santa Ana River drainages.
Wednesday evening through Thursday morning	AQI due to PM2.5 may again reach Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher in the San Bernardino mountains, with the highest AQI expected near the Bear Creek or Santa Ana River drainages, including in Angelus Oaks and Running Springs. PM2.5 levels in the Good to Moderate AQI categories are expected in other areas including the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley.
Thursday afternoon	Winds will push smoke to the east, causing PM2.5 levels in the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI category or higher on Thursday afternoon in parts of the San Bernardino mountains including Big Bear Lake, Angelus Oaks, and surrounding areas.
Thursday evening through Friday afternoon	If the Line Fire continues to emit smoke, PM2.5 levels in the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI category or higher are expected

	in localized areas around Running Springs and Angelus Oaks. On Friday afternoon, if the Line Fire continues to emit smoke, winds will push smoke towards Big Bear Lake and Angelus Oaks, again causing AQI due to PM2.5 to reach the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups category.
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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.