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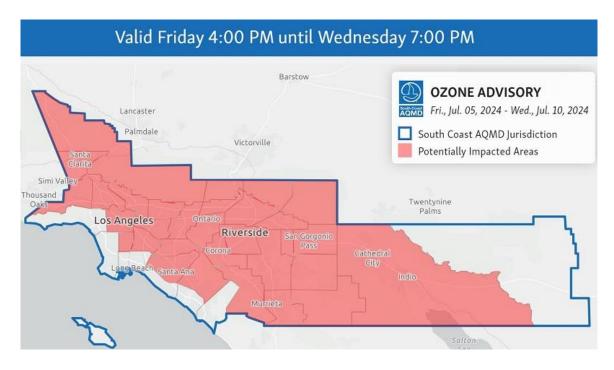
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# South Coast AQMD Extends Ozone Advisory Due to Persistent Heat Wave

Valid Friday 4:00 p.m. until Wednesday 7:00 p.m.



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#### Recent air quality conditions

 Ozone reached Very Unhealthy and Unhealthy Air Quality Index (AQI) levels at several locations on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, respectively.

- Particle pollution from fireworks caused extremely poor air quality in parts of the South Coast Air Basin at times from late on July 4th through the morning of July 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Light smoke from Northern California fires may have also caused a slight increase in particle pollution levels.

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#### **Forecasted Air Quality Impacts**

- The multi-day extreme ozone (smog) event continues as a persistent heat wave affects the region.
- The National Weather Service has issued Excessive Heat Warnings, Heat Advisories and Red Flag Warnings. Visit <a href="https://www.weather.gov/sgx/">https://www.weather.gov/sgx/</a> and <a href="https://www.weather.gov/lox/">https://www.weather.gov/lox/</a> for more information.
- AQI will likely reach **Very Unhealthy** in Redlands, San Bernardino, Glendora, and surrounding areas through Wednesday, possibly beyond.
- AQI will likely reach **Unhealthy** or higher levels in inland parts of the South Coast Air Basin including Santa Clarita, Upland, Ontario, Chino, Riverside, Moreno Valley, Banning, the San Gabriel and San Bernardino mountains, and surrounding areas.
- AQI will likely reach Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher levels in the Coachella Valley and inland parts of the South Coast Air Basin including the Corona Area, San Fernando Valley, and San Gabriel Valley.
- Ozone levels are expected to be lower in coastal areas.

## **Detailed Forecast**

Daytime	Each day AQI levels will increase after sunrise, peak in the midafternoon, and then decrease overnight. AQI is predicted to reach the <b>Unhealthy</b> category in large portions of the region with Redlands, San Bernardino, Glendora and surrounding areas reaching the <b>Very Unhealthy</b> category.
Early morning and overnight	AQI is predicted to be in the <b>Good</b> to <b>Moderate</b> categories overnight and in the early morning hours each day.

South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

### During periods of poor air quality due to ozone pollution:

- Check air quality levels and limit outdoor activities as necessary. See <u>health recommendations</u> for each AQI level.
- Limit the use of gasoline powered lawn and garden equipment until evening hours.
- Conserve electricity and set your air conditioner at a higher temperature.
- Try to delay trips to the gas station and the use of household chemicals until the evening.

For more information, see the **EPA Guide for Ozone 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 <a href="https://www.aqmd.gov">www.aqmd.gov</a>, download our award-winning app, or follow us on <a href="facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="mailto:X">X</a> (formerly known as Twitter) and <a href="mailto:Instagram">Instagram</a>.