



South Coast
AQMD

SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

www.aqmd.gov

@SouthCoastAQMD    

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 16, 2025

MEDIA CONTACT:

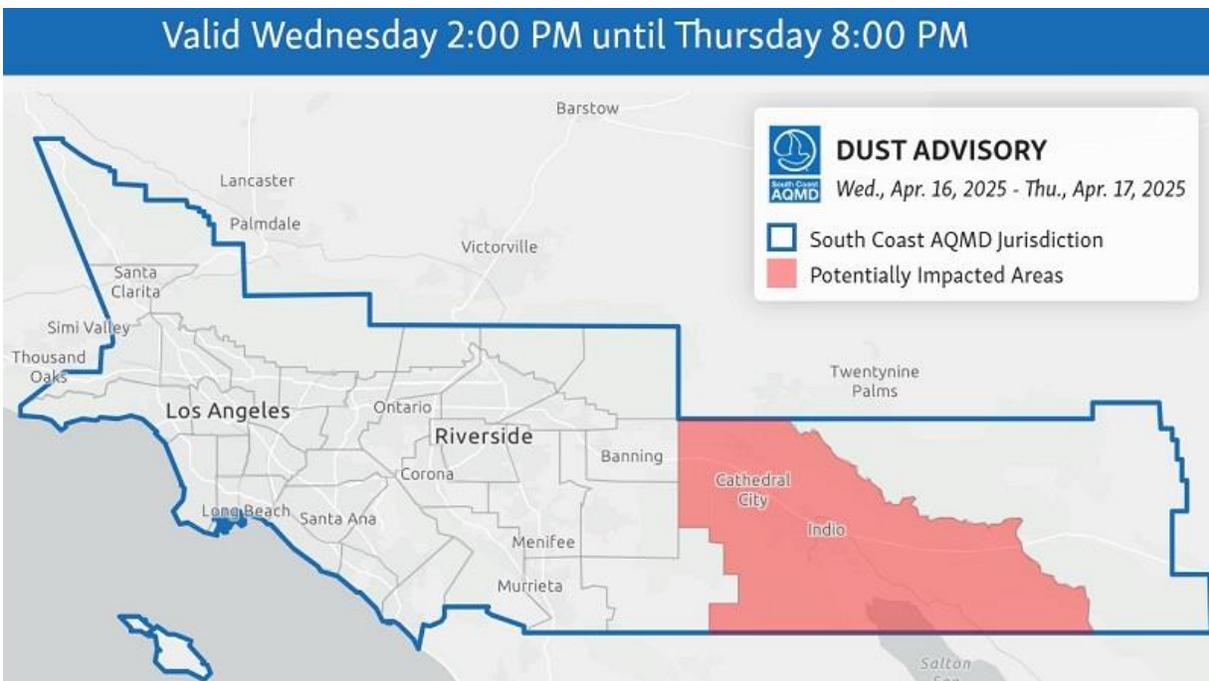
Nahal Mogharabi, (909) 396-3773, Cell: (909) 837-2431

Rainbow Yeung, (909) 396-3373, Cell: (909) 967-2477

press@aqmd.gov

South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Coachella Valley

Valid until Thursday 8:00 PM



Current Conditions

- From Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday morning, the PM10 (dust) Air Quality Index (AQI) categories in the Coachella Valley ranged from **Good** to **Hazardous**.

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

Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- Blowing dust may result in PM10 levels in the **Unhealthy** or higher AQI categories in the Coachella Valley. Expect elevated PM10 levels at times through 8 PM Thursday, especially in the northwestern part of the valley
- Gusty winds can lift dust and soil into the air, resulting in high PM10 levels in the region
- Winds from the west and northwest with gusts up to 55 mph are predicted
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions

Detailed Forecast

Wednesday afternoon	PM10 levels are predicted to range from Good to Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher AQI categories at times throughout the Coachella Valley.
Wednesday night and early Thursday morning	Air quality is expected to worsen overnight due to stronger winds. Expect AQI categories ranging from Moderate to Unhealthy or higher at times.
Thursday	PM10 levels are predicted to range from Good to Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher AQI categories at times.

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

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](#).

###