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# SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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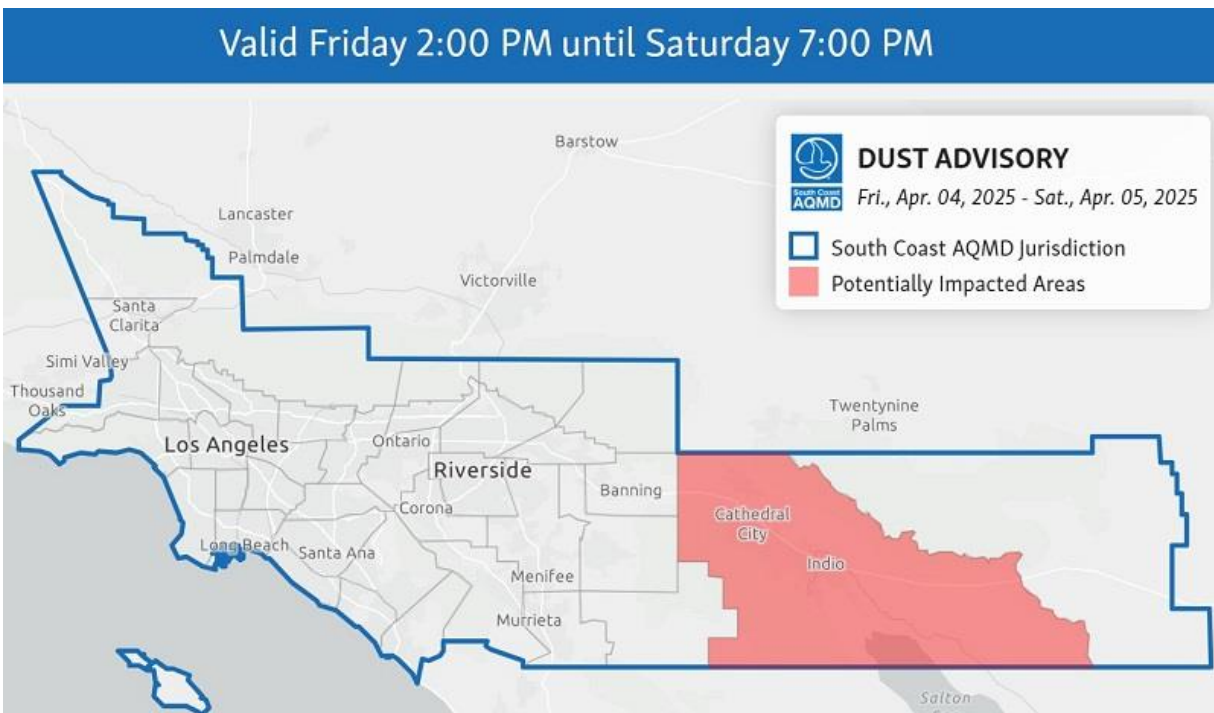
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## South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Coachella Valley

*Valid until Saturday 7:00 PM*



### Current Conditions

- From Thursday afternoon through Friday morning, PM10 monitors throughout the Coachella Valley have measured AQI in the **Good** to **Moderate** AQI categories.

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

**Forecasted Air Quality Impacts**

- Blowing dust may result in PM10 levels in the **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher Air Quality Index (AQI) categories in the Coachella Valley. Expect elevated PM10 levels at times through 7 PM Saturday, 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 32 mph are predicted
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions

**Detailed Forecast**

Friday afternoon	PM10 levels are predicted to range from <b>Good</b> to <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> or higher AQI categories at times throughout the Coachella Valley.
Friday night	AQI is expected to improve overnight due to calmer winds.
Saturday	PM10 levels are predicted to range from <b>Good</b> to <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> or higher AQI categories at times throughout the Coachella Valley.

*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](http://www.aqmd.gov), download our award-winning app, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#) (formerly known as Twitter) and [Instagram](#).

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