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# SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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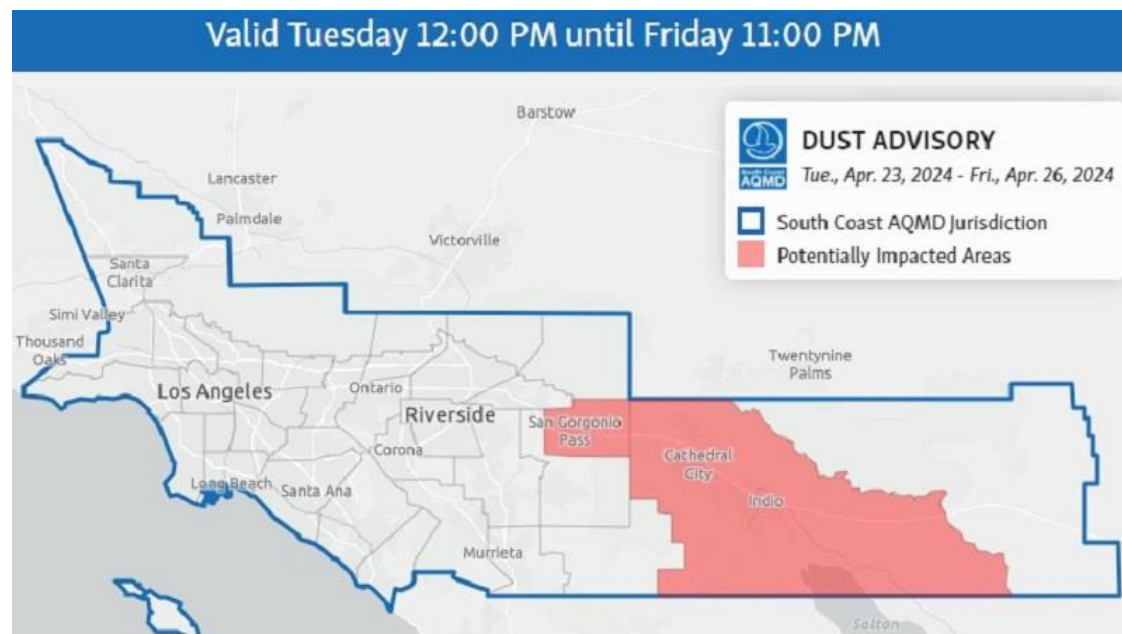
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## South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Portions of Riverside County

*Valid Tuesday 12:00 p.m. until Friday 11:00 p.m.*



### Current Conditions

Wind gusts over 40 mph on Tuesday morning resulted in periods where air quality **was Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups**.

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

- Gusty winds are expected to cause periods of elevated particle pollution (PM10) levels in the San Gorgonio Pass area and the Coachella Valley from Tuesday through Friday night
- Blowing dust may result in Air Quality Index (AQI) levels that are **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or worse at times
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions

### Detailed Forecast

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday	Winds will be strongest during evenings and nights. Blowing dust may result in AQI levels that are <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> or worse at times.
Friday afternoon and evening	The strongest wind gusts will occur on Friday afternoon and evening, with wind gusts of 40 to 60 miles per hour at times. Blowing dust may result in AQI levels that are <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> or worse at times.

### 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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