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# SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Valid: Wednesday, December 23, 2020**

*This advisory is in effect through Wednesday afternoon. South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.*

A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect from the morning of Wednesday, December 23, 2020 through the afternoon of Wednesday, December 23, 2020. Strong Santa Ana winds from the northeast and east with gusts up to 60 mph are predicted by the National Weather Service (NWS) for Wednesday morning through Wednesday afternoon. The strongest winds are expected in the afternoon on Wednesday. Areas of blowing sand and blowing dust are predicted throughout this wind event, which may result in **Unhealthy** or higher Air Quality Index (AQI) levels in the Eastern Coachella Valley.

The NWS has posted Red Flag Warnings for portions of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. NWS Red Flag Warnings are in effect starting at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday and expire at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday. For information regarding the NWS warnings, please visit the NWS San Diego (<https://www.weather.gov/sgx/>) website.

**In areas directly impacted by windblown dust:** Limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed and avoiding vigorous physical activity.

Overall, PM10 concentrations are expected to be elevated at times in portions of the Eastern Coachella Valley due to the Santa Ana wind event. Air quality may reach **Unhealthy** or higher AQI levels in areas directly impacted by dust.

Areas of direct impacts and poor air quality may include portions of:

- **Riverside County:** Coachella Valley (Area 30)



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- South Coast AQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link: [www.aqmd.gov/advisory](http://www.aqmd.gov/advisory)
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- Air quality forecasts are available at <http://www.aqmd.gov/forecast>
- For South Coast AQMD Daily Rule 403.1 High Wind Forecasts for the Coachella Valley call (909) 396-2399 or 1-800-CUT-SMOG
- For a map of South Coast AQMD Forecast Areas, see <http://www.aqmd.gov/ForecastAreas>.

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