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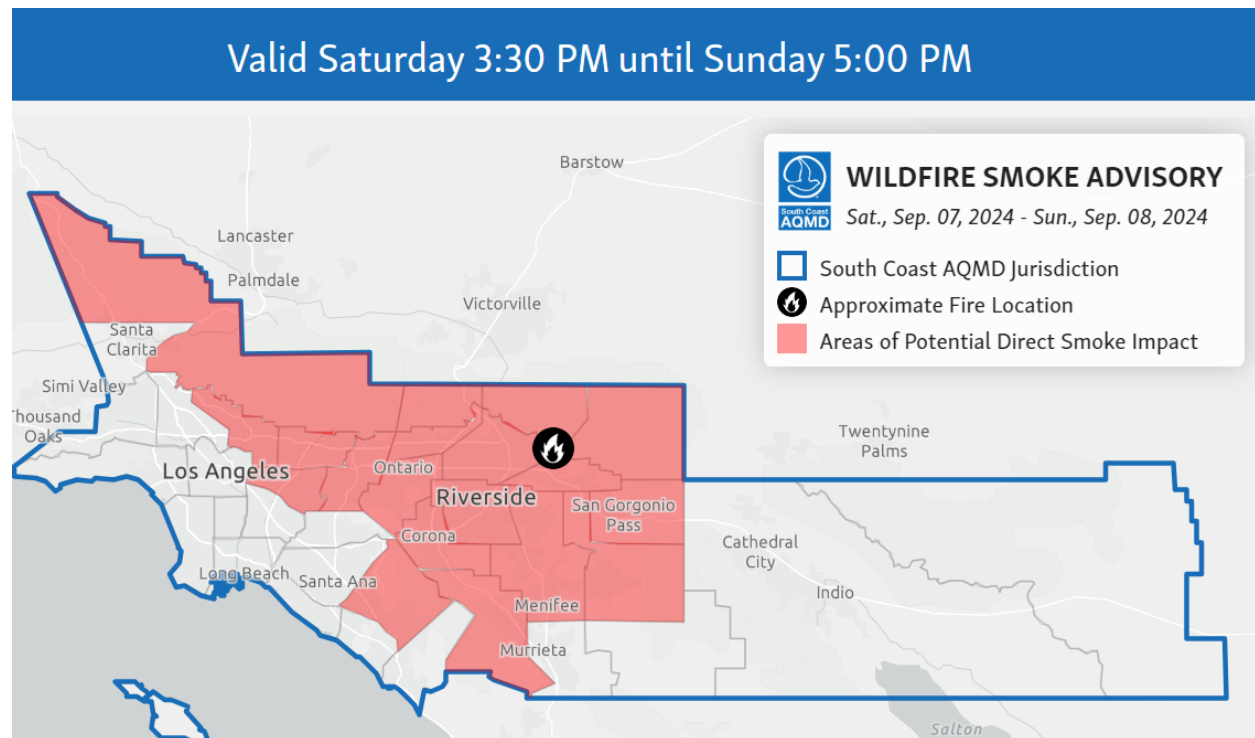
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South Coast AQMD Extends Smoke Advisory due to Line Fire near Highland

Valid Saturday 3:30 PM until Sunday 5:00 PM



Current Conditions

- The Line Fire is burning east of Highland. As of noon on Saturday, the fire has burned 7,122 acres and is 0% contained.
- Regulatory monitors and sensors near the Line Fire in San Bernardino County measured PM2.5 levels between **Moderate** and **Hazardous** AQI categories with the highest levels being recorded in Lake Arrowhead, Running Springs, and Highland.
- Based on satellite imagery, plumes of smoke are passing overhead across the South Coast Air Basin. In areas away from the fire, ashfall has been reported but surface monitors indicate smoke has not yet reached the ground.

- For more information about the Line Fire visit the CalFire incident page at <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2024/9/5/line-fire/>.

Conditions may change quickly due to fire activity and weather. Download <https://www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp> or visit www.aqmd.gov/AQImap to view current air quality in your neighborhood.

Forecasted Smoke and Air Quality Impacts

- Smoke from the fire may cause PM2.5 levels to reach the **Very Unhealthy** or higher AQI category at times on Saturday and Sunday in areas near the fire including Highland and Lake Arrowhead.
- **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher AQI categories are predicted at times on Saturday and Sunday for much of the South Coast Air Basin. Impacts will be greatest closer to the fire.
- AQI levels may reach the **Unhealthy** or higher AQI category in the afternoon on Saturday and Sunday in large parts of the South Coast Air Basin from high levels of ozone (smog) due to the ongoing heat wave.

Detailed Forecast

Saturday afternoon	PM2.5 levels in Highland, Lake Arrowhead, Redlands and surrounding areas are expected to reach the Unhealthy or higher AQI category. In other areas of the South Coast Air Basin, PM2.5 levels are expected to reach Moderate to Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI categories.
Saturday night and Sunday morning	PM2.5 levels in Redlands, Highland, Rancho Cucamonga, San Gabriel Mountains, Arcadia, and surrounding areas are expected to reach Very Unhealthy or higher AQI levels. PM2.5 levels near Lake Arrowhead and Riverside are expected to reach Unhealthy or higher AQI levels. Other areas of the South Coast Air Basin are likely to be closer to Moderate or Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI categories, but this will depend on fire behavior.
Sunday afternoon and evening	PM2.5 levels are expected to improve compared to overnight levels, but this will depend on fire behavior.

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

If you are in an area impacted by smoke:

- 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.
- Avoid burning wood in your fireplace or firepit and minimize sources of indoor air pollution such as candles, incense, pan-frying, and grilling.
- If you must be outside, a properly fit N95 or P100 respirator may provide some protection.

For more information, visit www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety.

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