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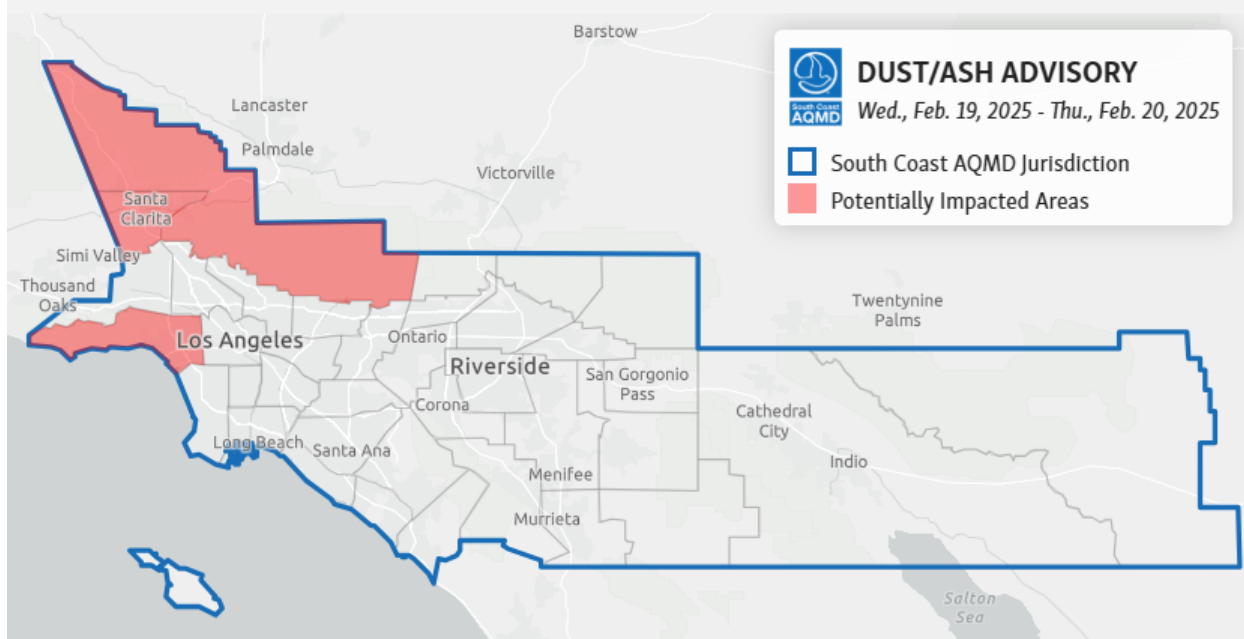
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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust and Ash Advisory for the Palisades and Hughes Burn Areas

Valid until Thursday 12:00 PM

Valid Wednesday 6:00 PM until Thursday 12:00 PM



Current Conditions

- The South Coast AQMD has issued a windblown dust and ash advisory due to forecasted winds over the Palisades and Hughes burn areas Wednesday evening through noon on Thursday.

- The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued Wind Advisories for areas that include the Palisades and Hughes burn areas. Visit the NWS Los Angeles <https://www.weather.gov/lox/> website for more information.
- Information about Wildfire Smoke & Ash Health & Safety is available at <https://www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety>.

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

Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- High winds may disperse ash from the Palisades and Hughes impact zones. Winds may also disperse ash from the Eaton, Hurst, and Kenneth fire burn scars
- Ash impacts are possible in all areas to the south and west of these burned areas
- Windblown ash particles may be too large to be detected by air quality instrumentation and will not influence Air Quality Index (AQI) levels. However, ash particles are typically visible to the naked eye either in the air or on outdoor surfaces
- Windblown ash from burned structures may contain higher air toxic levels. If you see windblown ash, take precautions to reduce exposure
- Visit <https://www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety> for Wildfire Smoke & Ash Health & Safety Tips

Detailed Forecast

Wednesday evening	The NWS Wind Advisory covering the area of the Hughes Fire burn scar is in effect starting at 6 PM. High winds will likely lead to unhealthful levels of windblown ash. Areas that are south and west of the Hughes Fire burn scar may be impacted by ash.
Thursday morning	The NWS Wind Advisory covering the area of the Palisades Fire burn scar is in effect starting at 4 AM. High winds will likely lead to unhealthful levels of windblown ash. Areas that are south and west of the Palisades and Hughes burn scars may be impacted by ash.
Thursday afternoon	NWS Wind advisories over the Palisades and Hughes burn areas both end at noon. Winds are expected to decrease gradually leading to gradual reductions in windblown ash levels.

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.
- Always wear proper personal protective equipment (long sleeve shirts, pants, gloves and safety glasses) when working around ash. A well-fitting respirator such as an N-95 may provide some protection. If you do get ash on your skin, wash it off as soon as possible.
- Do not use leaf blowers or take other actions (e.g., dry sweeping) that will put ash into the air. To clean up ash, use vacuums equipped with High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters.

For more information, see the [EPA Guide for Particle Pollution](#) (PDF).

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