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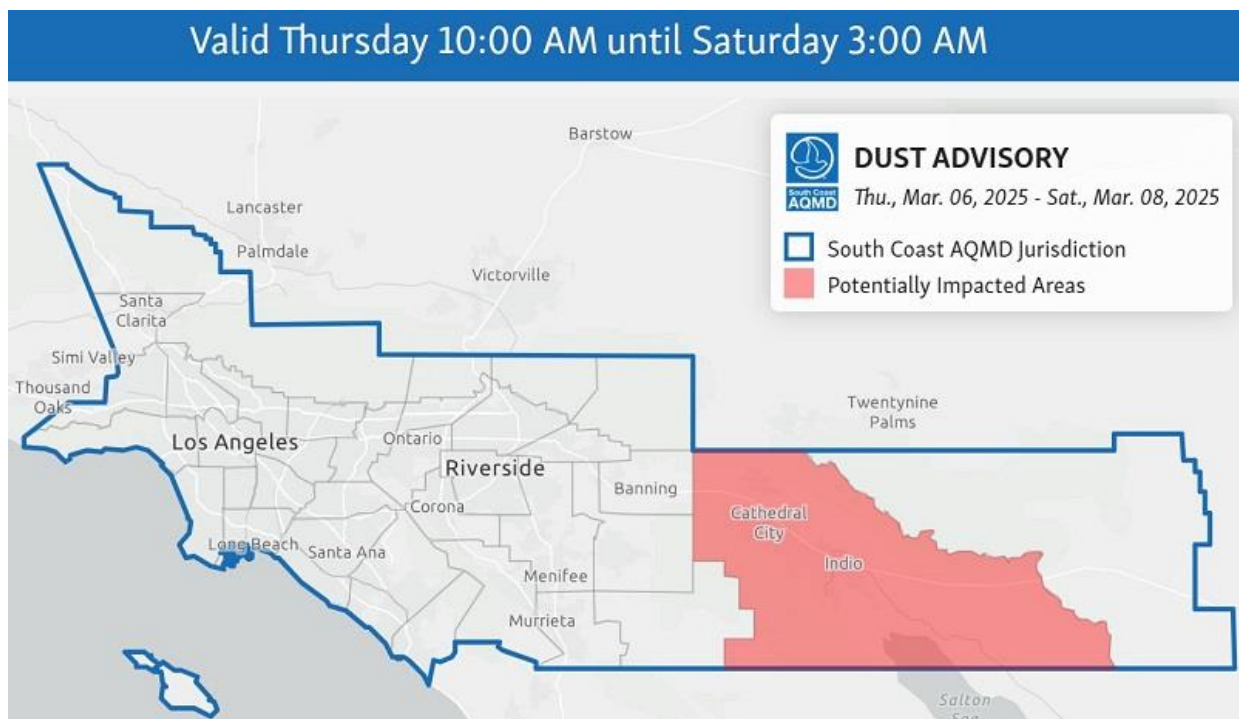
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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory Due to High Winds in the Banning Pass and Coachella Valley

Valid until Saturday 3:00 AM



Current Conditions

- Wind gusts up to 55 miles per hour were observed in the Banning Pass from Wednesday night through Thursday morning.
- Gusty winds have caused blowing dust with particle pollution (PM10) levels in the **Good to Hazardous** (AQI) categories at times on Thursday morning in parts of the Coachella

Valley including Cathedral City and Mecca. Dust impacts were less in Palm Springs and Indio, with PM10 levels in the **Good** category on Thursday morning.

- The National Weather Service has issued a wind advisory for the Banning Pass through 1 AM Friday. See the [National Weather Service Website](#) for more information about the wind advisory.

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

Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- Blowing dust may result in PM10 levels in the **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher AQI category in the Coachella Valley at times through 3 AM Saturday
- High PM10 levels in the region are a result of gusty winds, which can lift dust and soil into the air
- Winds from the west and northwest with gusts up to 50 mph are predicted
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions

Detailed Forecast

Thursday morning and afternoon	PM10 levels are predicted to range from Good to Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher AQI categories at times throughout the Coachella Valley.
Thursday night	PM10 levels are predicted to range from Good to Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher AQI categories in the Western Coachella Valley including in Cathedral City and surrounding areas on Thursday night. Wind speeds and PM10 levels are expected to decrease starting at 5 PM Thursday in the Eastern Coachella Valley, with PM10 levels in the Good to Moderate AQI categories expected in Mecca and surrounding areas from 5 PM Thursday to 10 AM Friday.
Friday morning through Friday night	Winds are predicted to increase on Friday morning after about 10 AM. PM10 levels in the Good to Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher AQI categories are predicted from 10 AM Friday to 3 AM Saturday throughout the Coachella Valley, with the highest PM10 levels expected in the Western Coachella Valley including Cathedral City and surrounding areas.

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, download our award-winning app, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#) (formerly known as Twitter) and [Instagram](#).

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