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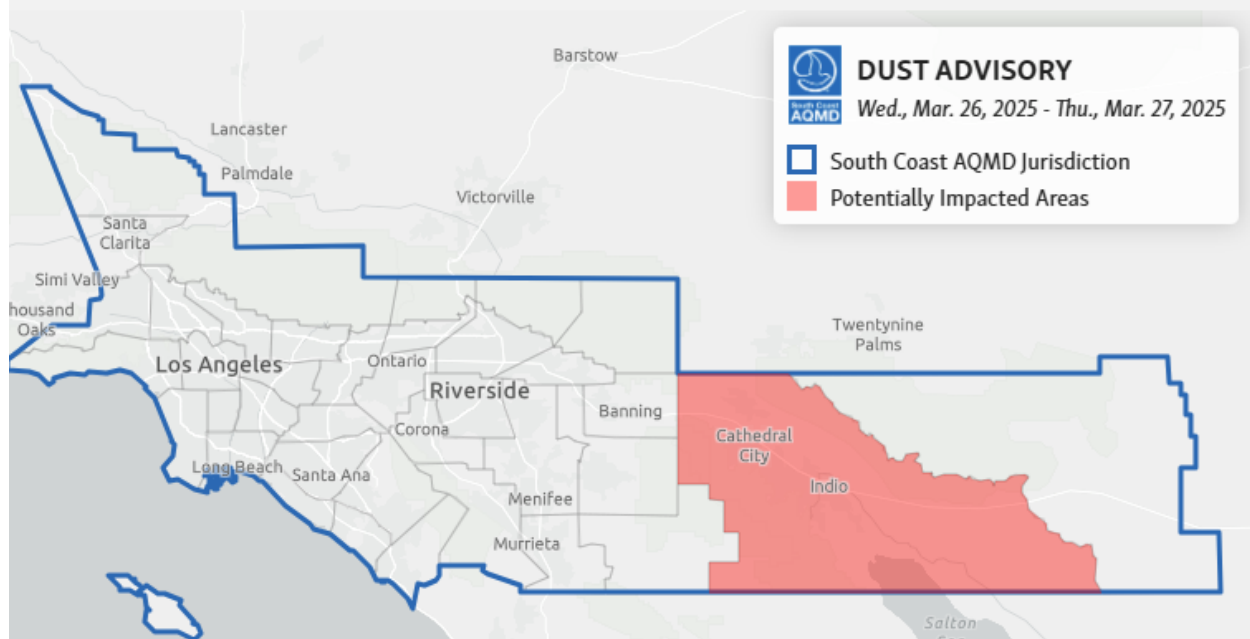
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## South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Coachella Valley

*Valid until Thursday 11:00 AM*

**Valid Wednesday 8:00 AM until Thursday 11:00 AM**



### Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- Blowing dust may result in PM10 levels in the **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher Air Quality Index (AQI) categories in the Coachella Valley. Expect elevated PM10 levels at times through 11 AM Thursday, especially in the northwestern part of the valley
- Gusty winds can lift dust and soil into the air, resulting in high PM10 levels in the region

- 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

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).

**Detailed Forecast**

Wednesday daytime	PM10 levels are predicted to range from <b>Good</b> to <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> or higher AQI categories at times throughout the Coachella Valley.
Wednesday night	PM10 levels are predicted to range from <b>Good</b> to <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> or higher AQI categories in the northwestern Coachella Valley. Air quality will improve slightly in other areas after dark.
Thursday morning	Winds will remain strong enough to continue raising dust before reducing speed late morning into the afternoon. AQIs are expected to vary between <b>Good</b> and <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> .

*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](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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