



# SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## South Coast AQMD Issues Smoke Advisory Due to Radford Fire South of Big Bear

**Valid Tuesday September 06, 2022 through Wednesday September 07, 2022**

*This advisory is in effect through 5 PM Wednesday. South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.*

A wildfire named the Radford Fire is burning south of Big Bear Lake in the Barton Flats Area of the San Bernardino National Forest. As of 9 AM on Tuesday, the burn area was reported at 450 acres with 0% containment. See <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8390/> for current information on the Radford Fire.

### Current Smoke and Ash Impacts

The Radford Fire is actively producing smoke on Tuesday morning, based on satellite imagery, webcams and social media posts. The smoke plume is rising vertically and moving towards the northwest. At 9 AM on Tuesday, the low-cost sensors and regulatory monitors in the Big Bear area have recorded **Good** Air Quality Index (AQI) levels. Please visit <https://www.aqmd.gov/aqimap> to view current air quality conditions.

**In any area impacted by smoke:** If you smell smoke or see ash due to a wildfire, limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed or seeking alternate shelter, and avoiding vigorous physical activity. For more tips on protecting yourself during a wildfire, see South Coast AQMD's Wildfire Smoke & Ash Health & Safety Tips page: <http://www.aqmd.gov/wildfire-health-info-smoke-tips>

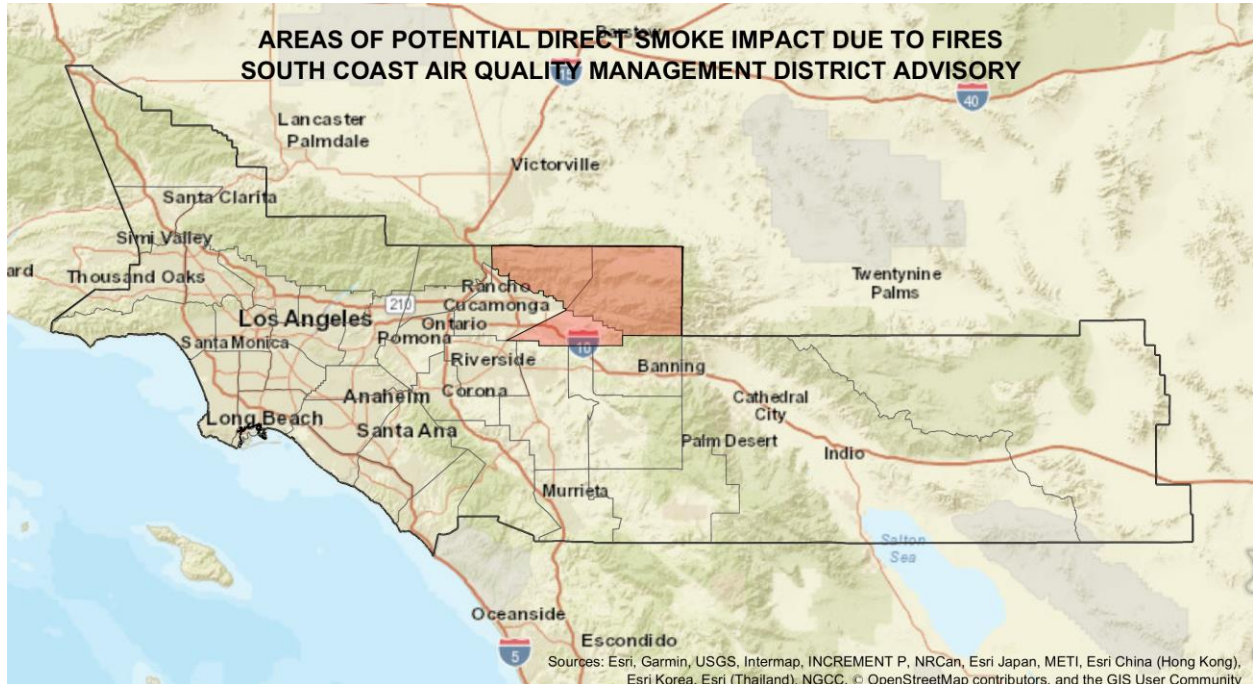
### Forecasted Smoke and Ash Impacts

- Daytime impacts: Despite winds from the southeast and east pushing smoke to the west and northwest, plumes will rise high enough so most smoke will remain aloft. **Moderate** AQI levels are likely between Big Bear Lake and Lake Arrowhead, except very close to the fire where AQI could be **Unhealthy** or worse. However, in the afternoon hours, ozone levels unrelated to the fire are expected to be elevated due to the current heat wave, and will likely reach **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** AQI levels or higher in the Central San Bernardino Mountains (Area 37).

- Late evening, overnight and early morning impacts: Light winds will keep smoldering plumes close to the ground and there may be some smoke drainage to lower elevations. Air quality may degrade to **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or worse at times.

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

- **San Bernardino County:** East San Bernardino Valley (Area 35), Central San Bernardino Mountains (Area 37), East San Bernardino Mountains (Area 38)



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