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Smoke Advisory Continues Monday for Lake Fire

This advisory is in effect today. SCAQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

A wildfire is currently burning in the San Bernardino National Forest, south of Big Bear Lake near and east of Barton Flats. The fire, called the Lake Fire, was last reported to have burned 17,305 acres with 21 percent containment. Areas of the eastern San Bernardino Mountains near and downwind of the fire may reach the **Unhealthy** level, or higher, at times, depending on winds and containment of the fire.

Southwesterly winds overnight have carried smoke mostly toward the east into portions of Riverside County (including Morongo Valley, Yucca Valley, and surrounding areas). Winds for today are predicted to be from the west, mostly transporting smoke away from the Los Angeles basin and the Coachella Valley and to the high desert areas. Additional smoke in the northern Coachella Valley is possible again in the morning before stronger winds from the west begin.

The areas of the South Coast Air Basin where smoke impacts are expected to cause periods of Unhealthy air quality include:

- The Eastern San Bernardino Mountains Area, (Forecast Area 38);
- The Coachella Valley (Forecast Area 30);
- Portions of Eastern Riverside County (Forecast Area 31)

In any area impacted by smoke: Everyone should avoid any vigorous outdoor or indoor exertion; people with respiratory or heart disease, older adults, and children should remain indoors. Keep windows and doors closed or seek alternate shelter. Run your air conditioner if you have one. Keep the fresh air intake closed and the filter clean to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. To avoid worsening the health effects of wildfire smoke, don't use indoor or outdoor wood-burning appliances, including fireplaces.

SCAQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link: <ftp://ftp.aqmd.gov/pub/globalist/Advisory.pdf>

To subscribe to air quality alerts, advisories and forecasts by email, go to
<http://AirAlerts.org>

To view current air quality conditions by region in an interactive map,
see <http://www3.aqmd.gov/webappl/gisaqi2/home.aspx>

For more tips on avoiding health impacts from smoke, see SCAQMD Fire Safety Alert Factsheets at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/public-information/publications#factsheet>

For a Map of SCAQMD Forecast Areas, see
<http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/map-of-monitoring-areas.pdf>

AQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.