Smoke Advisory Due to Anza Fire Continuing to Burn in Riverside County

This advisory is in effect for today, August 11. SCAQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District has issued a smoke advisory today for a vegetation fire burning near the community of Anza in southern Riverside County, near Highway 74 east of Highway 371. Smoke has been moving north and may cause periods of smoke in portions of Riverside and San Bernardino counties at times today, depending on weather conditions and continued control of the fire. Air quality may reach Unhealthful levels, or higher, at times, in areas impacted by significant amounts of smoke.

Areas of direct smoke impacts and potentially Unhealthful air quality could include portions of the Anza area in southern Riverside County.

All individuals are urged to exercise caution and avoid unnecessary outdoor activities in any area directly impacted by smoke. This includes areas where residents can see or smell smoke.

In any area directly impacted by smoke: Everyone should avoid any vigorous outdoor or indoor exertion; people with respiratory or heart disease, the elderly, and children should remain indoors. Keep windows and doors closed or seek alternate shelter. Run your air conditioner if you have one and keep the fresh air intake closed and the filter clean to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. Avoid using a swamp cooler or whole-house fan 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.
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 http://www.aqmd.gov/ej/CAC/wildfire_safety_tips.htm on SCAQMD’s website

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