



## NEWS RELEASE - **SMOKE ADVISORY LIFTED**

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#### **Smoke advisory lifted as air quality returns to healthy levels**

Haze may still be occasionally visible over next few days

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MOJAVE DESERT AIR BASIN — Residents can breathe a bit easier now as the smoke advisory enacted last week is officially lifted and smoke from the Holy Fire has largely left the region.

The fire, which began on Aug. 6 and has scorched more than 22,000 acres in Orange and Riverside counties, hampered air quality in the basin for several days and forced a smoke advisory for MDAQMD's entire jurisdiction.

Smoke may still show as a mild haze over the next few days, particularly around sunrise and sunset, but isn't expected to be present at ground-level, based on wind pattern forecasts and slowed activity of the Holy Fire.

MDAQMD always encourages residents to check local air quality levels by visiting [www.AirNow.gov](http://www.AirNow.gov) or [www.enviroflash.info](http://www.enviroflash.info) where you can sign up for text and email alerts with Air Quality forecasts.

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