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## **AIR QUALITY ADVISORY:**

Air quality will be unhealthy for sensitive individuals in the Santa Clarita Valley

LOS ANGELES - According to the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the air quality will be unhealthy for sensitive individuals in the Santa Clarita Valley until further notice.

Los Angeles County Health Officer and Public Health Director, Jonathan E. Fielding, MD, MPH, advises people living or working in the Santa Clarita Valley with heart disease, asthma or other respiratory disease to minimize outdoor activities. Schools that have children with sensitive conditions, including heart disease, asthma, other chronic respiratory diseases, should not participate in PE or outdoor physical activity and should stay indoors as much as possible.

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