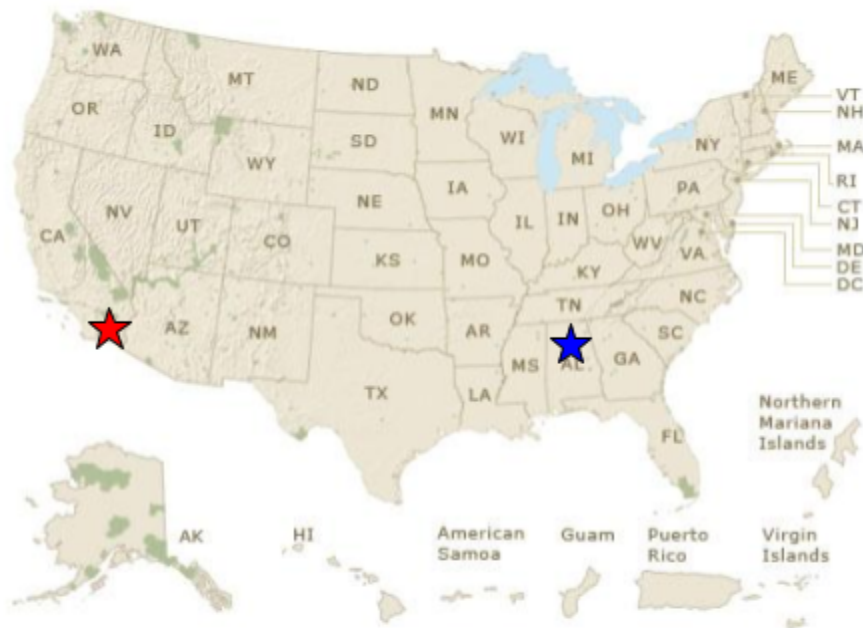


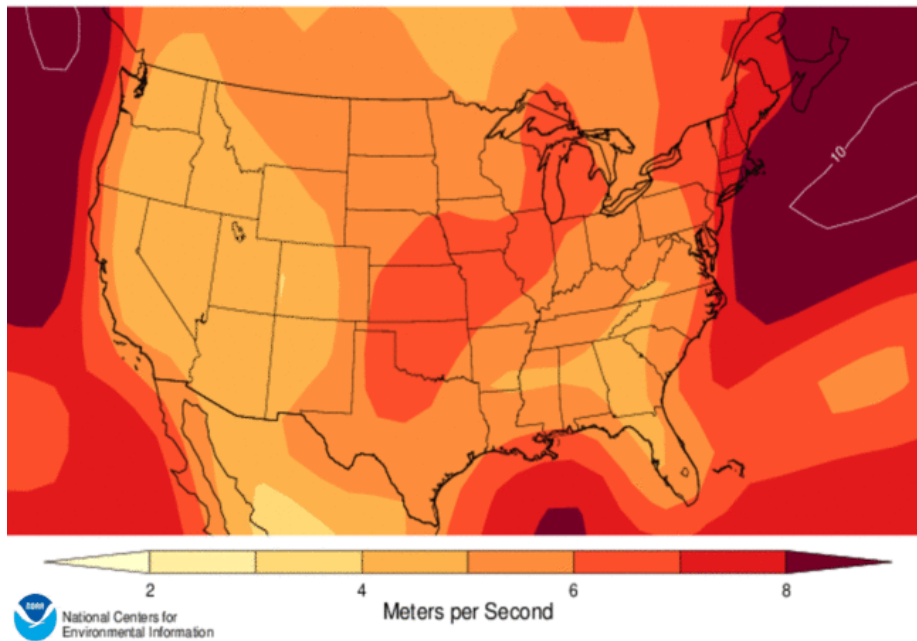


- ★ El Centro, CA
- ★ Birmingham, AL

Source: [NPS.org](https://www.nps.org)

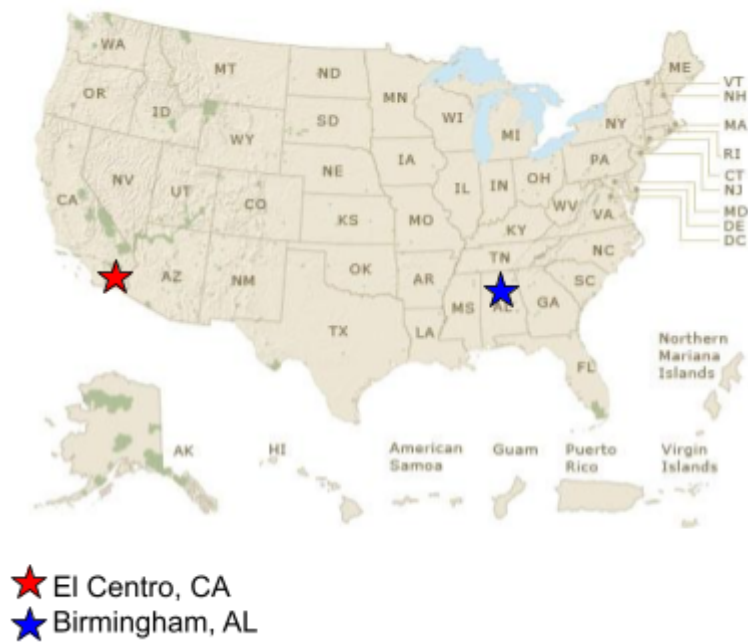
El Centro, California	Birmingham, Alabama
Latitude: 32.79	Latitude: 33.54
Close to the Ocean? No	Close to the Ocean? No
Are Dust Storms Currently Common? Yes	Are Dust Storms Currently Common? No

Monthly Mean 10m Wind Speed March 2021



Source: [NOAA Average Wind Speeds - Map Viewer](#)

Map of the United States



Source: [NPS.org](#)

El Centro, Texas, California



Source: [Jesse Pluim, Bureau of Land Management](#)

Birmingham, Alabama



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- Both cities are near the same latitude
- Neither cities are far inland
- California is more dry, windy, and its hotter
- Alabama is also hot

My conclusion is that dryness + heat + wind = dust storms

Also chemicals being dumped nearby might make the dust storms worse and more harmful