

**NEWSWIRE – FOR IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE
JANUARY 3, 2019**

CALIFORNIA FUELING FILES SUIT AGAINST BEST CORP

On December 10, 2018, California Fueling, LLC filed suit in the Los Angeles Superior Court against Best Energy Solutions and Technology Corp., dba “Best Corp.” asserting claims for, among other things, Unfair Business Practices under California’s Business & Professions Code § 17200, *et seq.*

The Complaint, which is captioned *California Fueling, LLC v. Best Energy Solutions and Technology Corp., dba “Best Corp.”, et seq.*, LASC Case No. 18STCV08474, alleges that Best Corp. and its distributor, Innopsec, Inc., defrauded customers by claiming that Best’s BC-EC1c additive reduced NOx emissions in biodiesel blends above the seasonal allowances, knowing full well that it did nothing of the sort.

The Complaint describes how, after California Fueling discovered significant “red flags” in the process by which Best secured its certification for BC-EC1c, California Fueling commissioned an independent emissions study of BC-EC1c at Southwest Research Institute (SwRI). Using the same DDC Series 60 engine used for Best’s original certification testing, as well as three CARB Reference Fuels and two Biodiesels, one containing BC-EC1c, SwRI conducted a comparative emissions study over a 12-day period. Attached to the Complaint is SwRI’s report, as well as a full report detailing the methodology of the testing, which discovered that Best’s additive:

1. exhibited no improvement in NOx emissions when compared to the same B20 without BC-EC1c; and
2. did not provide NOx Mitigation as when evaluated versus three different CARB Reference Fuels, and in fact increased NOx emissions by more than 3%.

In light of the foregoing, the California Air Resources Board has opened its own investigation in to Best’s claims that BC-EC1c reduces NOx.

California Fueling continues to recommend that NOX Mitigant users take a “trust but verify” approach. That is why California Fueling stands by its product, VESTA®, which is of known pedigree and performance. There is a reason why the National Biodiesel Board has said, “... [VESTA®] Hands Biodiesel the Win as Cleanest Liquid Fuel in the U.S.”