## STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

## FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. CAF 1035-15

AGENCY DKT. NO. RRE0028437

## FREDERICK VOSS,

Petitioner,

v.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, SANDY RECOVERY DIVISION, Respondent.

Having reviewed the Initial Decision of the Administrative Law Judge in this matter, together with any exceptions or replies submitted, I hereby reject the Initial Decision as the Commissioner's Final Decision. The original decision of the Sandy Recovery Division to deny eligibility to the Petitioner is hereby upheld.

My findings of fact are as follows: Registering with FEMA is a primary requirement for Sandy Recovery program eligibility, including the Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation and Mitigation (RREM) Program. When the petitioner registered his business with FEMA in order to seek assistance with the damage his business sustained in Superstorm Sandy, he was not also registering his private residence nor reporting any storm damage related to his private residence.

I respectfully disagree with Judge Sanders's findings regarding the petitioner's FEMA registration and, for that reason I must reject the Initial Decision. Therefore, this Sandy Recovery program applicant cannot be found eligible for the RREM Program.

Date: 7/24/15

**CHARLES A. RICHMAN** 

Commissioner