

Mazzeo asks attorney general to investigate Sandy insurance fraud

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Assemblyman Vince Mazzeo, D-Atlantic, asked the New Jersey attorney general to launch a criminal investigation Thursday into engineering reports made after Hurricane Sandy that were allegedly altered to minimize payments to residents who sustained damage.

The New York attorney general has opened a criminal investigation and the Federal emergency Management Agency is also looking into it, a statement from Mazzeo said.

“On behalf of the thousands of Atlantic County families who were victims of Hurricane Sandy, many of whom are still not back in their homes, I respectfully request that you immediately initiate a criminal investigation into these disgraceful and potentially illegal actions,” Mazzeo wrote in a letter to acting Attorney General John J. Hoffman.

FEMA announced Wednesday that it is reopening for review every flood insurance claim filed by Sandy victims.

“While a great first step, FEMA review does not carry the force of law,” Mazzeo wrote. “In the course of your investigation, I request that you similarly review the claims of the hundreds of families who were initially denied FEMA funds back in 2012 and 2013.

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