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Ms. Marie Fink  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
New Orleans District Office  
2424 Edenborn Ave., Suite 410  
Metairie, LA 70001

Dear Ms. Fink:

Smith & Nephew is notifying the U.S. Food and Drug Administration of the company's market withdrawal of the metal liner components of the R3 Acetabular System. The classification of this action as a market withdrawal has been made in cooperation with the New Orleans District Office and CDRH. This report satisfies the report requirements stated in 21.C.F.R. Part 806, *Reports of Corrections and Removals* and 21 CFR 7 subpart C, *Recalls*.

This Market Withdrawal is being initiated based on an internal company decision that these products are not meeting our high standards for performance.

The attachment is provided to satisfy the requirement of 21 C.F.R. Section 806.10 and 21 CFR 7. If you have any questions about the attachment or would like to request additional information, please contact me at 901-399-1970.

Sincerely,

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