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Dear Alan,

In response to your inquiry today, I confirm that I have kayaked in the Laguna de Santa Rosa years ago. I would never do so today after having witnessed mercury polluted effluent from the County Landfill being dumped into treatment ponds of the City of Santa Rosa's Llano Road Treatment Plant, the plant that discharges to the Laguna de Santa Rosa. As a chemist I consider the laguna a toxic stew of various dangerous heavy metals, halogenated hydrocarbons and pharmaceutical byproducts, many of them untreated and uncontrolled.

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Sincerely,

Rick Coates  
Executive Director