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I saw your note about the flow from the well. Here is what happened just so that no one is overly concerned.

The crew on the Enterprise noted that a fluid started bubbling up on the riser (turns out that it was seawater). They were concerned that it might be a sign that the riser was developing hydrates. Therefore, for safety, they initiated a shutdown of production and moved off site, taking the top cap off the LMRP as the riser moved off site. On inspection, it turns out that all that had happened was that a seawater egress port had become closed at the base of the riser such that seawater couldn't vent as it was supposed to, so had to circulate back up the riser. The safety shutdown occurred as it was supposed to.

The decision is currently being made whether to put cap #4 back on (pulling it off led to hydrates forming which will have to be removed), or whether to install the alternative top cap #10 which is currently on the deck of the ship and ready to go. Either choice will result in some hours of delay in resuming production.

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