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When multiple issues stem from the same (common) cause, risk analysis techniques account for the potentially greater risk significance of the combined issues (i.e., @CDF or @LERF). However, the ROP Action Matrix was designed to combine multiple issues for determining the appropriate NRC response. Although the regulatory response is not expected in most cases to differ if multiple issues are treated either in combination or independently, the ROP guidance is being evaluated for enhancement regarding the application of combined risk results of multiple issues in a manner appropriate for use in the ROP Action Matrix. As discussed in the response to Question 4, the written SDP procedures currently make it clear that the intent is to consider the combined risk significance of concurrent conditions, to the extent that it is appropriate and feasible to do.

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