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There were a total of 94887 products and documents and 13.99 Gb of disk space are used to house the full content of the ITOP 2009 Dry Run Catalog.

EOL Field Project Services (FPS) supported the planning and preparations for the 2010 field deployment. This was done through continuing discussions with the project investigators and ONR program managers. In addition, EOL attended the 27 October 2009 ITOP Planning Meeting in Monterey, CA. Detailed discussions were held on the set-up and support for an operations center in
Guam, logistical arrangements in Guam for scientific staff accompanying the USAF C-130 aircraft and evaluation of the operations planning function as carried out during the ITOP dry run in October 2009.

A series of 'mock' reports were also prepared, based on prevailing weather at the time, to help the team determine the timing of aircraft operations, deployment of special oceanographic sensors from ships and work through other operational details (multiple aircraft deployments, crew duty rest cycles, timing of daily planning meetings, etc.).

ITOP operations support was built on the successful set-up and support for the 2008 T-PARC/TCS-08. The requirement for a site survey trip in 2010 to secure proper support for the ITOP Project coordination center in Guam was identified. The outline of the ITOP Operations Plan was finalized and writing assignments were assigned and begun.