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Abstract: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), as lead agency, with the cooperation of the Oneida Indian Nation (Nation), has gathered the information necessary for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the taking into trust of 17,370 acres of land currently held by the Nation. The purpose of the proposed action is to help ensure the Nation's cultural preservation, self-determination, self-sufficiency and economic independence as a federally recognized Indian tribe by securing the properties into its trust land base. The DEIS assesses the environmental consequences of BIA approval of the proposed transfer of 17,370 acres into trust status for the benefit of the Nation. The lands being considered for the transfer include gaming and resort properties, including the Turning Stone Casino resort in Verona, New York, housing for Nation members, health care facilities, government offices, commercial enterprises such as marinas, service stations and convenience stores, vacant and undeveloped lands and lands used for traditional Iroquois agriculture, for livestock and for hunting and fishing.