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HSUS Humane Society of the United States

P Pressure

T Time

TVA Tennessee Valley Authority

TxDOT Texas Department of Transportation

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