Answer on Question #70863 - Chemistry - General Chemistry

Question: What is the minimum number of moles of Na3PO4•12H2O that would be required to react with 0.694 mol of BaCl2•2H2O? Do not include units with your answer.?

Solution:

 $3BaCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O(aq) + 2Na_3PO_4 \cdot 2H_2O(aq) \rightarrow Ba_3(PO_4)_2(s) \downarrow + 6NaCl(aq) + 30H_2O(l)$

The two reactant salts and sodium chloride are soluble in water but barium phosphate is insoluble. The net ionic equation for the observed reaction is

 $2PO_4^{3-} + 3Ba^{2+} \rightarrow Ba_3(PO_4)_2(s) \downarrow$

Net ionic equation is an equation that includes only those ions that participate in the observed chemical reaction. From the balanced net ionic equation, 2 moles of phosphate ion (from the 2 mol of $Na_3PO_4\cdot 12H_2O$, molar mass = 380.12 g/mol, or 760.24 g) react with 3 moles of barium ion (from 3 mol of $BaCl_2\cdot 2H_2O$, molar mass = 244.27 g/mol, or 732.81 g), if the reaction proceeds to completion. The equation also predicts the formation of 1 mole of $Ba_3(PO_4)_2$ (molar mass = 601.93 g/mol), or 601.93 g. So, solving simple proportion:

2 mol of Na3PO4·12H2O corresponds 3 mol of BaCl₂·2H₂O

X mol of Na3PO4·12H2O corresponds 0.694 mol of BaCl₂·2H₂O

X = (0.694*2)/3=0,463 mol

So 0,463 mol is the minimum number of moles of Na3PO4•12H2O that would be requried to react with 0.694 mol of BaCl2•2H2O

Answer: 0,463

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