## Answer on Question #76837, Chemistry / General Chemistry

## **Question:**

Ammonium perchlorate  $NH_4ClO_4$  is a powerful solid rocket fuel, used in the Space Shuttle boosters. It decomposes into nitrogen  $N_2$  gas, chlorine  $Cl_2$  gas, oxygen  $O_2$  gas and water vapor, releasing a great deal of energy. Calculate the moles of ammonium perchlorate needed to produce 1.9 mol of water.

## Solution:

The balanced equation:

 $2 \text{ NH}_4\text{ClO}_4 \rightarrow \text{N}_2 + \text{Cl}_2 + 2 \text{ O}_2 + 4 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$ 

So:

2 mol of NH<sub>4</sub>ClO<sub>4</sub> produces 4 mol of water

X mol of NH<sub>4</sub>ClO<sub>4</sub> produces 1.9 mol of water

Solving the proportion:

 $X = (1.9 \cdot 2) / 4 = 0.95 \text{ mol}$ 

## Answer:

0.95 mol

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