

32. (a) We adapt Eq. 43-20:

$$N_{\text{Pu}} = \left(\frac{0.002 \text{ g}}{239 \text{ g/mol}} \right) (6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ nuclei/mol}) \approx 5 \times 10^{18} \text{ nuclei} .$$

(b) Eq. 43-19 leads to

$$R = \frac{N \ln 2}{T_{1/2}} = \frac{5 \times 10^{18} \ln 2}{2.41 \times 10^4 \text{ y}} = 1.4 \times 10^{14} / \text{y}$$

which is equivalent to $4.6 \times 10^6 / \text{s} = 4.6 \times 10^6 \text{ Bq}$ (the unit becquerel is defined in §43-3).