2015 AP® CHEMISTRY FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

- 7. Aluminum metal can be recycled from scrap metal by melting the metal to evaporate impurities.
 - (a) Calculate the amount of heat needed to purify 1.00 mole of Al originally at 298 K by melting it. The melting point of Al is 933 K. The molar heat capacity of Al is 24 J/(mol·K), and the heat of fusion of Al is 10.7 kJ/mol.
 - (b) The equation for the overall process of extracting Al from Al_2O_3 is shown below. Which requires less energy, recycling existing Al or extracting Al from Al_2O_3 ? Justify your answer with a calculation.

$$Al_2O_3(s) \rightarrow 2 Al(s) + \frac{3}{2}O_2(g) \qquad \Delta H^\circ = 1675 \text{ kJ/mol}_{rxn}$$

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