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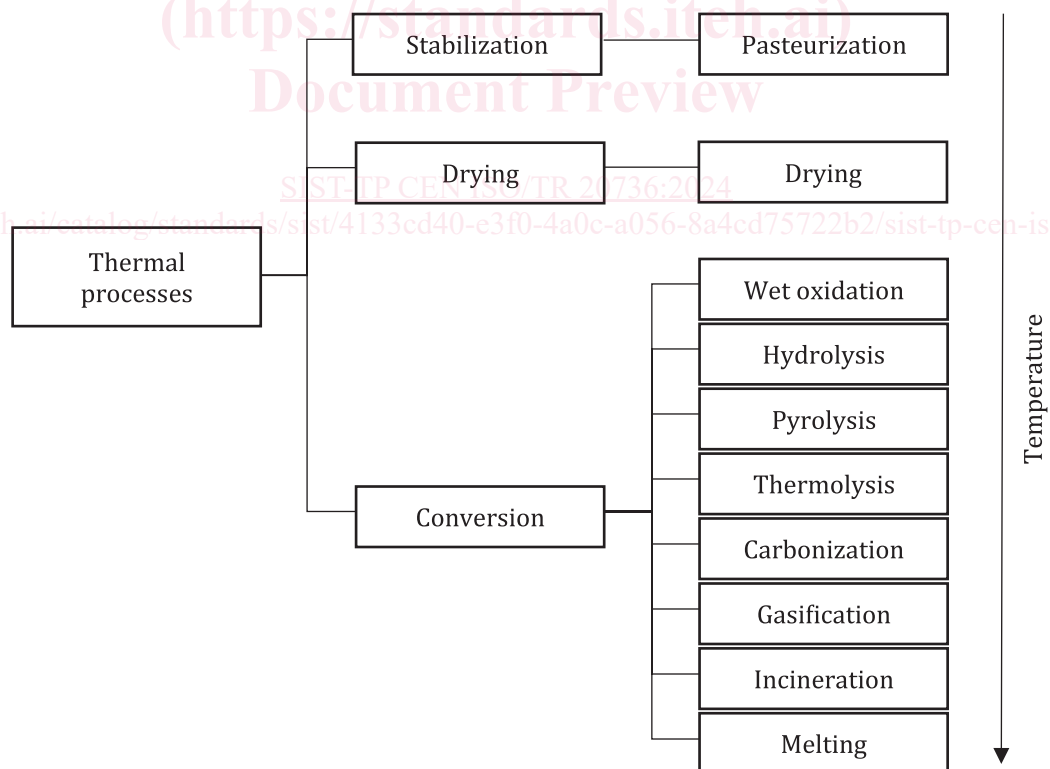
Sludge treatment and management is globally a growing challenge for most countries:

- sludge is a by-product of water treatment process produced in large quantities as new wastewater treatment facilities are built and the existing ones are upgraded to keep up with the population growth;
- sludge treatment and disposal constitutes one of the most significant costs associated with water and wastewater treatment;
- stricter regulations on conventional outlets such as beneficial agricultural land, composting, landfilling require more treatment due to concerns about the long-term impacts on public health and environment;
- sludge is now being considered as a source of renewable energy, and also a source of valuable components such as carbon and nutrients.

The growing trend to recover energy and resources from waste sludge and stricter regulations on outlets have created interest in a number of thermal treatments and may meet, under certain conditions, the circular economy principles.

The objective of this document is to pragmatically present the methods for thermal treatment of sludge by covering the different process fundamentals, the associated technologies and operational aspects, the management of energy, valuables and residues, the aspects related to impacts and integration of installations referring to them.

[Figure 1](#) highlights the thermal processes covered according to their main function and operating temperature.



NOTE The processes listed in the right column and connected to conversion and drying as main functions also achieve the sludge stabilization.

Figure 1 — Thermal processes covered by this document

